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# IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY WARNS DE VALERA.

## THE NEW MENACE TO PEACE. GRAVE APPREHENSIONS OF OUTBREAK. SECRET MUNITIONS STORES.

Dublin, Mar. 27.

THE QUARREL FOISTED UPON THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT BY MR. DE VALERA THREATENS TO HAVE SERIOUS INTERNAL CONSEQUENCES, THE IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY (ITS EXISTENCE LEGALISED BY THE NEW PRESIDENT'S REPEAL OF THE COSGRAVE EMERGENCY ACTS) REGARDING HIS POLICY AS TOO MEAK AND MILD.

The leaders have issued a warning to the De Valera Government that the Irish Republican Army will remain organised as a fighting force until the Anglo-Irish Treaty has been scrapped "lock, stock and barrel."

Internal conflict is the greatest menace. The feeling is prevalent that sooner or later the friction between the Free State Army and the Irish Republican Army will lead to an outbreak which, undoubtedly, would have grave consequences. The I.R.A. are known to have large secret stores of arms and ammunition and their mood is such that there is every reason for alarm.

### PARADOXICAL STATE OF AFFAIRS.

Although the Easter demonstrations, the sixteenth anniversary of the 1916 Rebellion, passed off quietly both in the Free State and in Northern Ireland, there exists undoubtedly grave apprehension as to how long the present paradoxical state of affairs can continue.

It is well-known that the Republicans still have large quantities of arms and ammunition ready to hand in secret caches in different parts of the country, and the delicate relations between the Irish Republican Army and the Free State troops may lead to conflict.

### BELIEF SHATTERED.

The warning issued by the Irish Republican Army to-day regarding the Anglo-Irish Treaty has disturbed the Republican leader, Mr. Eamon de Valera, shattering his belief that the removal of the Oath of Allegiance and the retention of the land annuities (to which he has committed himself) would win the loyal support of the Republican Army and permit its leaders to contemplate dissolution.

Instead, they have declared that the I.R.A. will remain an active fighting force until the entire Treaty has been scrapped.

### SHANGHAI TRADE RESUMPTION.

### APPEAL BY NANKING GOVERNMENT.

### REVENUE NEEDED.

(“Telegraph” Special).

Shanghai, Mar. 28, 10.45 a.m.

A joint conference of the Shanghai Citizens' Federation and the Amalgamated Street Unions unanimously decided to resume business in Shanghai on April 1.

It was reported to the meeting that the National Government was determined to adopt a policy of long resistance against Japanese aggression and desired the merchants to support the Government by making every productive effort and striving for the promotion of trade and commerce.



The late Sir Horace Plunkett, whose death was reported yesterday, successor of John Redmond as leader of the Irish Nationalist Party. He presided over the conference in 1918 that brought together all factions in Ireland and attempted, unsuccessfully, to agree on a Home Rule Plan.

## Twenty-Two Yachts Capsize.

### SQUALL TRAGEDY IN AUSTRALIA.

(Reuter's Special Service).

Adelaide, Mar. 27.

A terrific squall springing up suddenly today when thousands of people were holiday-making, swept the seaside resorts of South Australia with disastrous results.

At least seventy-five people were thrown into the water by the capsizing of small craft and had to struggle for their lives in tossing seas.

The loss of life, fortunately, was not heavy. Five members of the crew of the champion yacht “Sunny South” were drowned. In all, twenty-two yachts were overturned.

### WIPING SLATE CLEAN.

### FURTHER BRITISH REPAYMENTS.

New York, Mar. 27.

Within a very short space of time, Britain is wiping the slate clean as far as America is concerned, according to well-informed Wall Street quarters.

Britain, it is stated, proposes to repay a sum of \$850,000,000 on March 29 and a further \$820,000,000 on April 5, thus extinguishing completely the \$2,000,000,000 obtained in August last for twelve months.

### U.S. DEMOCRATIC HOPE.

### ROOSEVELT GETS GOOD BACKING.

Atlanta, Mar. 24.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, Governor of New York and candidate for the Democratic nomination as President of the United States, to-day swept the Georgia primaries with an over whelming victory in the preferential balloting.

Roosevelt won 127 of 169 counties in the balloting. The counties gave Roosevelt 832 county unit votes, and none for Edgar Howard.

## THE MALTA INDISCRETIONS.

### SIGNOR GUINTA COMPLAINS.

### MISREPRESENTATION ALLEGED.

Tripoli, Mar. 27.

Signor Guinta, the Under-Secretary of the Italian Ministry of the Interior, whose reported speech at the Fascist headquarters in Malta has caused much fluttering in the Foreign Offices of London and Rome, denies the inflammatory statements attributed to him.

He bitterly complains of misrepresentation by reporters at Malta. He declares:

“Replying to the welcome of the the Italian Colony at Malta, I referred to the age-old Anglo-Italian friendship and expressed the hope that Italian language and culture in Malta would be preserved.

The Malta Chronicle alleges that the Italian Consul pressed Signor Guinta to be prudent, in view of his presence on British soil, but only drew a storm of invective upon himself.

“You sheep,” Signor Guinta is alleged to have said, “I want to hear no excuses. We must teach these—English what Fascism is.”

### FORMER HEAD OF HARROW.

### DEATH OF RIGHT REV. DR. FORD.

### FINE SCHOLAR.

London, Mar. 27.

The death is announced of the Right Rev. Dr. Lionel Ford, Dean of York and former Headmaster of Harrow School.

Dr. Ford, who was born in September, 1865, was educated at Repton School and King's College, Cambridge, where he distinguished himself both in learning and sports. At Repton he was head boy from 1882 to 1884 and captained the cricket team in the latter year. At Cambridge he took the Winchester Reading Prize, a first in the Classical Tripos and the Chancellor's Medal. He was also captain of his college eleven, played golf for University, and in 1887 was President of the Union.

Thence in 1888 he went to Eton as an assistant master and while there took holy orders in 1893. Leaving Eton in 1901, he returned to his Headmaster and remained there until 1910 when he was appointed head of Harrow School. In 1924, Athens University conferred on him the degree of Ph. D. A year later he accepted the office of Dean of York, and in 1926 received the degree of D. D.

### CANTON VOLUMES SOLD.

In March 1931, England was startled by a report that some very rare and valuable works had appeared from the library of York Minster. Dr. Ford, in reply announced that in 1930 five Canton volumes had been sold for £20,000. He and the Chapter, he explained, were confronted with the necessity for carrying out urgent repairs on the roofs, external stone work, parapets and central tower which named cost £50,000. Constant appeals over a period of years had enabled them to obtain £45,000 for the preservation of the priceless medieval windows. No more funds being then available, Dr. Ford and the Chapter, after consulting some of the highest legal and archaeological authorities, decided to part with the Canton volumes, which had a high marketable value, but no special association with cathedral or the diocese. The sum of £20,000 was offered and accepted.



A resumption of Japanese activity in war preparations is reported from Shanghai. Our photo shows engineers constructing a bridge across one of the numerous creeks, while in the background are burial mounds.

## JAPANESE BATTLE PREPARATIONS.

### MUCH SPECULATION ON NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

SOME MYSTERY attaches to the meaning of the latest developments in the Shanghai area, the hurried preparation of strong Japanese trench systems coinciding with the departure of the Lytton Commission. This information has been confirmed by independent sources.

It is reported that the Ninth Division, which was taken out of the line and concentrated at Woosung, is under orders to return to the scene of the last fighting, and that strong detachments have already arrived at Liuhoo.

### SEVERE FIGHTING IN MANCHURIA.

### JAPANESE AID PU YI FORCES.

Harbin, Mar. 28.

Serious fighting is reported between Manchukuo troops and forces opposed to the new regime, five miles to the north of Wokimoh.

The troops loyal to the new Government were supported by Japanese bombing aeroplanes, which wreaked havoc in the ranks of the “rebels.” It is stated that the Manchukuo troops drove back their opponents in disorder with heavy losses.

### HAILUO LOOTED.

It is reported from Hailuo that after the evacuation of the town by the Japanese, General Ting Chao's troops entered and commenced a campaign of looting. Many houses were set on fire and destroyed.

It is also reported that Ting Chao's troops are re-forming and being re-equipped at Mishan, near the frontier, where they have many machine-guns, automatic rifles and armoured cars.

### TIENTSIN BOMB OUTRAGES.

### TWO EXPLOSIONS ON SATURDAY.

Tientsin, Mar. 28.

Two serious bomb explosions occurred in Tientsin on Saturday evening, two pedestrians being seriously wounded.

The first occurred outside the premises of a Chinese firm in the French Concession, and the second “led the partial destruction of two houses in the native city. No arrests have been made and the cause of the outrages is a mystery.

During a game of football at Hsiao Valley among a number of young Chinese yesterday afternoon, a quarrel ensued between two of the players, resulting in Hong Hsiao, aged 16, in flinging an ironed coat across the face of Liang, aged 17, and Liang, in turn, threw a stone at Hong, who was subsequently taken to hospital.



Members of a Japanese engineer battalion, trench building in the Shanghai area.

## LINDBERGH DRAMA.

### A CLERGYMAN'S STORY.

### BABY TO RETURN IN A WEEK.

New York, Mar. 27.

Nearly four weeks after the kidnapping of the baby-son of Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh, with hopes of ultimate rescue gradually dimming, there comes to-day a message from Norfolk, Virginia, stating that the baby will be returned within a week, possibly to-morrow.

This dramatic statement was made with the authority of Dr. Dobson Peacock, the Norfolk clergyman who has been acting as an intermediary between Colonel Lindbergh and the kidnapping gang responsible for the outrage.

Dr. Dobson Peacock declares that he has actually seen the baby, which, it is understood, is being held either in the region of North Carolina, or on a boat about thirty miles from Norfolk, Virginia.

### Other Threats.

Police are guarding the homes of Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth, sister of Theodore Roosevelt, Governor General of the Philippine Islands, and Sir William Lewis, former Manila newspaper man, as the result of threatening notes sent them by kidnappers.

In the case of Mrs. Longworth, it is believed that the kidnappers desire are aimed at her daughter, Pauline.

The notes threaten to kidnap her if she refused to pay a large amount of money. Mrs. Longworth has refused to pay anything, and the kidnappers have threatened to kill her.

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**VALLEY MURDER.**

WITNESSES EXAMINED BY  
POLICE AUTHORITIES.

Continuing their investigations into the dastardly murder which was perpetrated on Mr. George Fung at Village Road, Happy Valley on Thursday evening, the Police examined a number of witnesses during the week-end and it was disclosed yesterday that none of the persons interrogated has so far been detained.

The Police attach little significance to the discovery on a certain party of two arms licences, for one of which the owner holds no weapon. The explanation given was that the firearm covered by the licence was never brought into the Colony, the licence having been issued by the authorities in Shanghai. Neither licence found in the party's possession applies to the automatic which was discarded by the assassin.

Little doubt seems to be entertained that jealousy was the motive for the crime and that the murder was committed by a paid assassin. It is on these lines that the Police are conducting their enquiries, but it is pointed out that their chief difficulty in the lack of identification of any nature, thus minimising their chances of being able to prove anything definite against anybody whom they might arrest in connexion with the outrage.

Miss Lai Ming-fay.  
The charming lady who was with the deceased on the night of the murder is Miss Lai Ming-fay, the name by which she is known on the stage. Miss Lai comes of a talented family of artists and her father was the organiser of a well-known Chinese musical and dancing company which visited Hongkong and Singapore with much success some four years ago. Prior to her visit to South China, Miss Lai had established herself as a promising cinema actress in Shanghai and has taken the leading feminine role in several Chinese pictures.

Subsequent to the tour in Singapore and other parts of the Straits Settlements, Miss Lai settled in Hongkong and some two years ago the vernacular Press gave considerable publicity to a romance between her and a young Chinese. Miss Lai is said to have been residing at the Hotel Nathan in Yau-mat.

On the night of the murder Mr. George Fung had visited a friend's house in Happy Valley and it was whilst he was on his way to the Central district, apparently taking Miss Lai home, that he was attacked.

The murdered man was the grandson of the late Mr. Fung Wah-chuen, who was the Chinese representative on the Sanitary Board some thirty years ago. His grandfather was then the organiser of numerous public concerns and was the manager of a well-established Chinese bank in Hongkong. He had also served in the Peking Government as an official.

Mr. George Fung was a keen motorist and dancer and enjoyed a large circle of friends. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon at the Chinese Permanent Cemetery at Aberdeen and was well attended by relatives and friends.

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UNWANTED VISITOR REFUSES TO LEAVE.

Stated to be insane, a Chinese who went to a house in Portland Street on Saturday night and there created a disturbance was forcibly ejected by the inmates of the house. So rough was the treatment used to remove the intruder that he received injuries to the side of his face, although they were not of a serious nature.

In a report issued by the Police, the man, Ho Wai, aged 58, of 169 Portland Street, went to 187 Portland Street where he started to create a disturbance. He is stated to be slightly insane and refused to leave the premises when requested. A tenant of the

**FAMOUS AMERICAN AVIATRIX.**

MISS RUTH ELDER ON  
WORLD TOUR.

Miss Ruth Elder, the famous American aviatrix, was just preparing to visit Canton, when a representative of the Press visited her in her cabin on the Hamburg Amerika liner Resolute on Saturday night.

"Gee! I think Hongkong is wonderful," said Miss Elder enthusiastically, "the view coming up the harbour this afternoon was magnificent."

Miss Elder spoke enthusiastically of the trip, which she is enjoying immensely. She said that in Madras she went up in a Puss moth, with a friend, and whilst in Batavia was given the opportunity of flying from there to Samarang, a distance of over 200 miles, in a specially chartered plane. She also flew over Manila for over an hour in a plane which she piloted herself, and arrangements have been made for her return from Canton to-day in a special plane.

Miss Elder is a real hustling American. Besides that she is beautiful, and it comes as no surprise to learn that she won prizes in two beauty competitions in 1927.

At that time the question who would be the first woman to cross the Atlantic by aeroplane was exciting the American people, so Miss Elder decided to compete. She started from Roosevelt field, near New York, in October, 1927, in her own machine, the "American Girl" with George Haldemann as co-pilot. But the plane met with disaster after being 20 hours in the air, and was forced to descend in the sea. Just where all hope had been abandoned the Dutch steamer Barndrecht was sighted, and Miss Elder and Capt. Haldemann were taken on board. On her return to the United States Miss Elder accepted a theatrical contract, said to be worth \$20,000, and won the U.S.A. coast-to-coast Derby for Girls next year. She is one of the only two women in the world to belong to the famous Order of Quiet Birdmen.

Miss Elder's real name is Mrs. Walter Camp, for she married the famous movie Director last year. Mr. Camp is as famous as his plucky wife in the States, for besides Inspiration Pictures Inc., he is Director of the famous Madison Square Gardens, scene of so many athletic and static meets.

**NEW FRENCH VESSEL.**

GEORGES PHILIPPAR DUE TO-MORROW.

The magnificent new M. M. liner Georges Philippar is expected to arrive in Hongkong on her maiden voyage to the Far East to-morrow morning, and will berth at the Kowloon Wharf.

This vessel is the latest addition to the Messageries Maritimes Fleet, and left Marseilles on February 28, arriving in Singapore last Sunday. The Georges Philippar is a sister-ship of the Felix Roussel, and has a displacement of 21,448 tons. Unlike the Felix Roussel, however, she is painted all white. She has the same squat, square funnel as those on the Felix Roussel, and is an attractive ship in appearance.

She is capable of a fast turn of speed, and is fitted with the most modern equipment for the comfort and safety of passengers. She has a large tennis court, and a fine swimming pool. Some of her best cabins are furnished in Louis XVI, Louis XV, "Empire," "Directoire," "Moderne" and "Restoration" styles.

The liner was launched at the Lorient docks on November 6, 1930. She is assigned to the Indo-China, China and Japan service. The ship measures 172.30 meters in length, 28.50 meters in width and has a draft of 8 1/2 metres. She is propelled by two groups of Diesel engines of 6,000 h.p. each, and can accommodate 1,070 passengers.

house was obliged to use force and caused injuries to the intruder's face. He was later taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital where he received medical treatment.

**FAREWELL PARTY.**

SUB-INSPECTOR HUNT THE GUEST OF HONOUR.

A tea party was held at the Chinese Police Reserve Club on Saturday evening in honour of Sub-Inspector R. J. Hunt, who is shortly going home on leave.

There was a large gathering present, among whom were Dr. S. W. Tso, who presided, Mr. D. L. King, D.S.P., and Mr. Chan Lim-pak.

The Hon. Dr. Tso, in making a presentation of a gold watch fob, made in the form of the Hongkong Police Reserve Badge, on behalf of the Chinese Company, stressed the large amount of work that Sub-Inspector Hunt had done for the Chinese Company, particularly as regards squad drill and methods of defence. Mr. Hunt had devoted all his leisure time to this work, and the Chinese Company were indeed very grateful to him.

Sub-Inspector Hunt replied in a few chosen words, saying that all that he had done for the Company was in the performance of his duty, and he was very glad to have been of assistance.

Billiard Tournament.

Prizes in connexion with the recent billiard handicap tournament conducted by the Company were also distributed to the winners by Mr. Chan Lim-pak. Dr. Tso, in calling upon Mr. Chan to give the awards, thanked the donors for their interest and generosity in the tournament. His thanks were extended to Mr. Charles Sinn, who had presented the shield, Dr. Tso the first prize, Mr. Li Jovanon, the second prize, Mr. Chow Ching-chiu, for the third prize and Mr. D. L. King for the prize for the highest break.

At the conclusion of the distribution, Mr. Chan commented upon the value of the Police Reserve Company, particularly the Chinese Company, to the public, and visualised the time when the numbers would go into thousands.

Tournament Results.

1st. prize.—Lo Hau-kan.  
2nd. prize.—Kwok Chan.  
3rd. prize.—Leung Kwok-chol.  
Highest Break.—Ho Sit-yu.

**LORRY ON FIRE.**

CATCHES ALIGHT AFTER COLLISION WITH WALL.

Damage to a gas light standard and the railings of the nullah in Park Road, in front of the Fairlie School, was caused by a motor lorry yesterday when the vehicle collided with the wall and then caught fire.

Repairs were being made to a gas light standard outside the Fairlie School and the motor lorry attempted to pass another vehicle at this spot. It was badly damaged before the arrival of the Fire Brigade.

Lorry Wrecked.

Bound for Fanling from Sha-tau-kok, a motor-lorry, No. 1052, ran off the Sha-tau-kok Road into a paddy-field on Friday at about 8 a.m. in trying to avoid a labourer who ran across the road. There were four other men on the lorry besides the driver. The lorry turned over and all five were slightly injured, but refused to go to hospital.

Traffic Inspector Mason and Sergeant Serim were at the scene shortly after the accident and found the lorry a complete wreck, the front of the vehicle being smashed.

**CHARLIE CHAPLIN.**

GETS ROUSING WELCOME AT SINGAPORE.

Singapore, Mar. 27.  
A large cosmopolitan crowd of admirers welcomed Charlie Chaplin, the world famous comedian, when he arrived to-day aboard the Suwa Maru. Mr. Chaplin is en route to Japan.—Reuter's Special.

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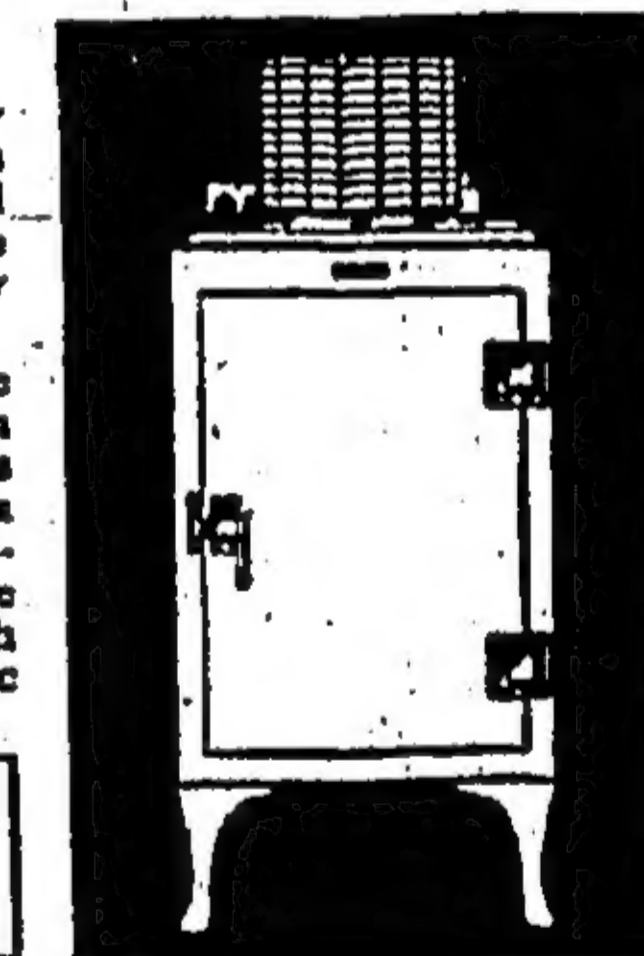


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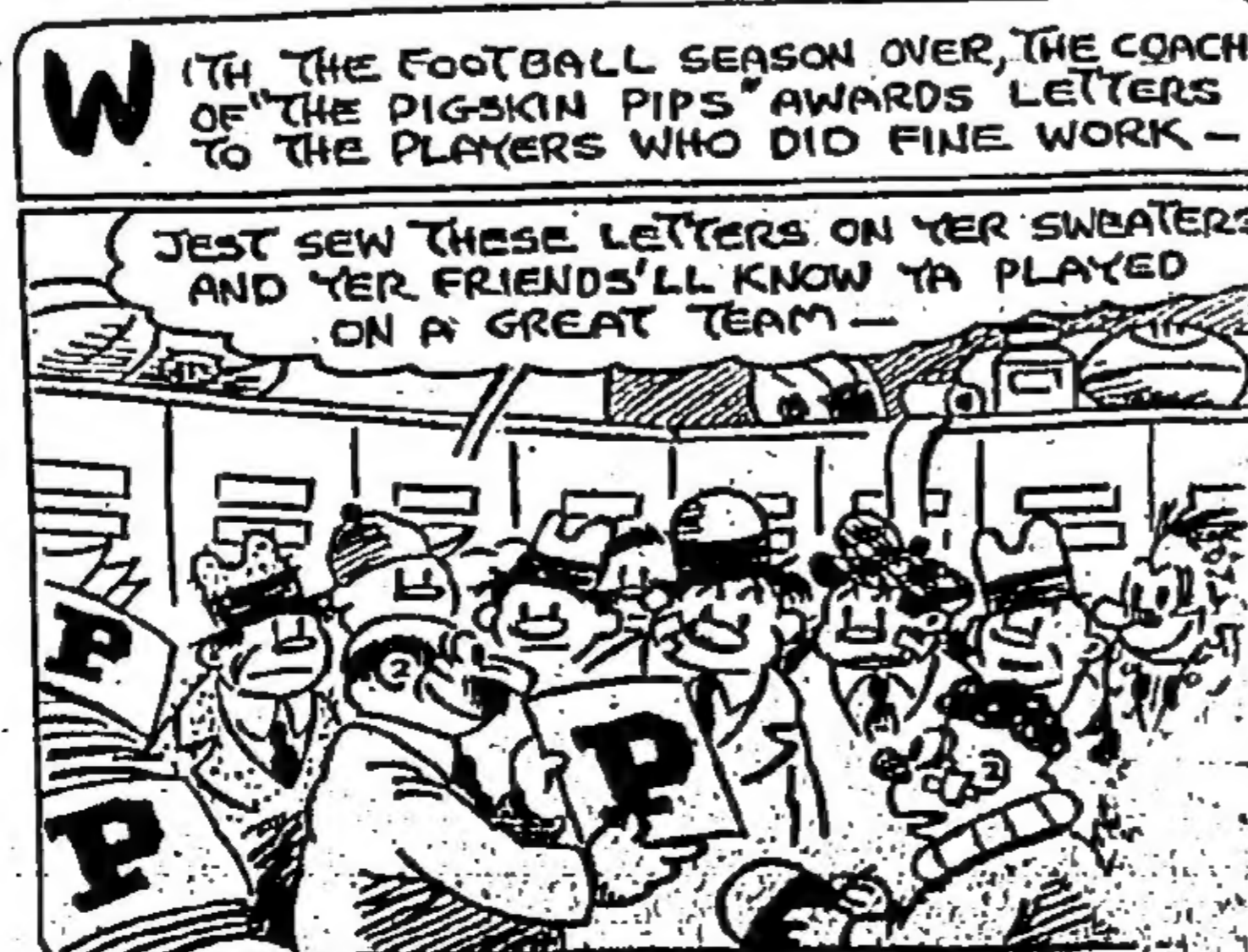
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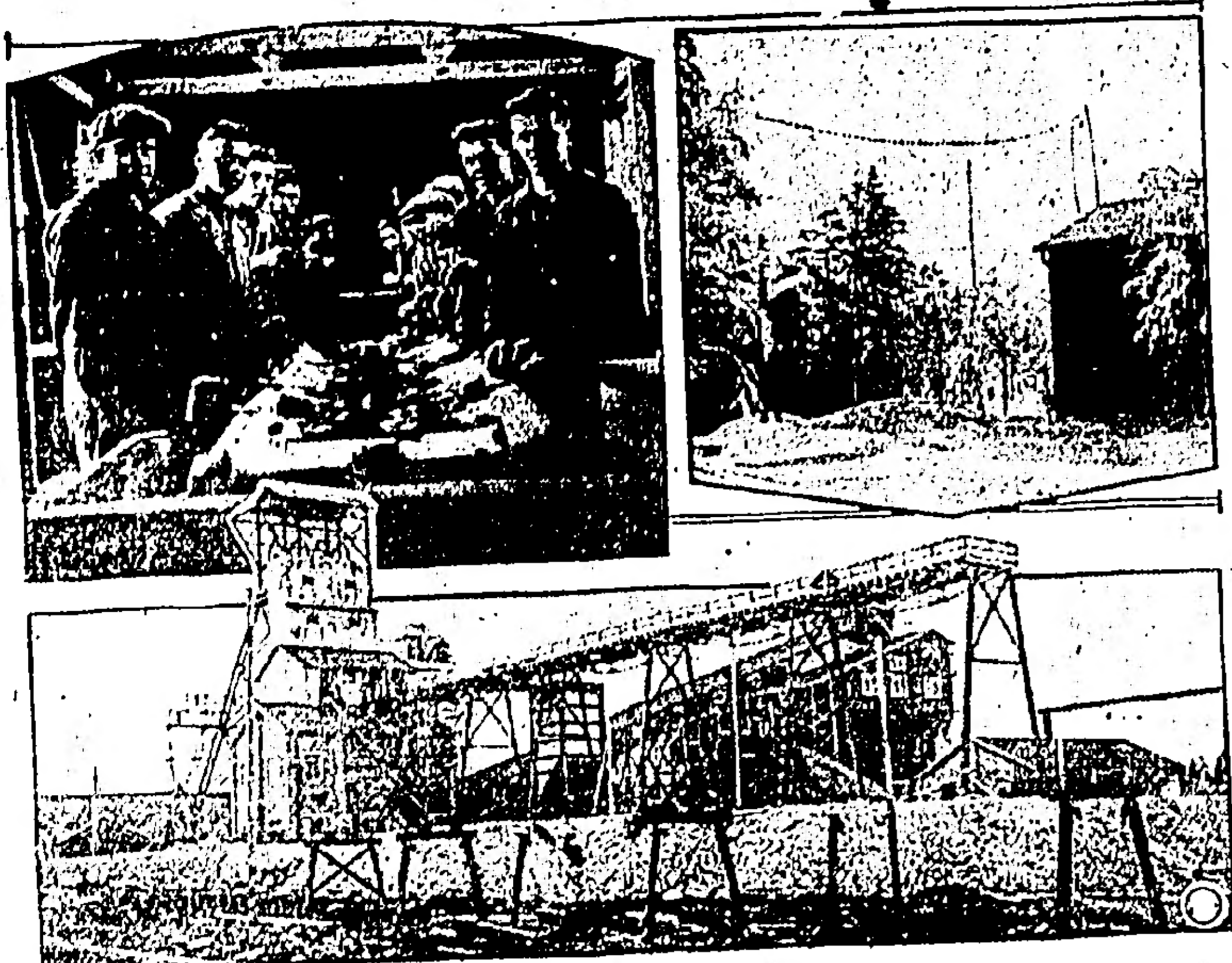
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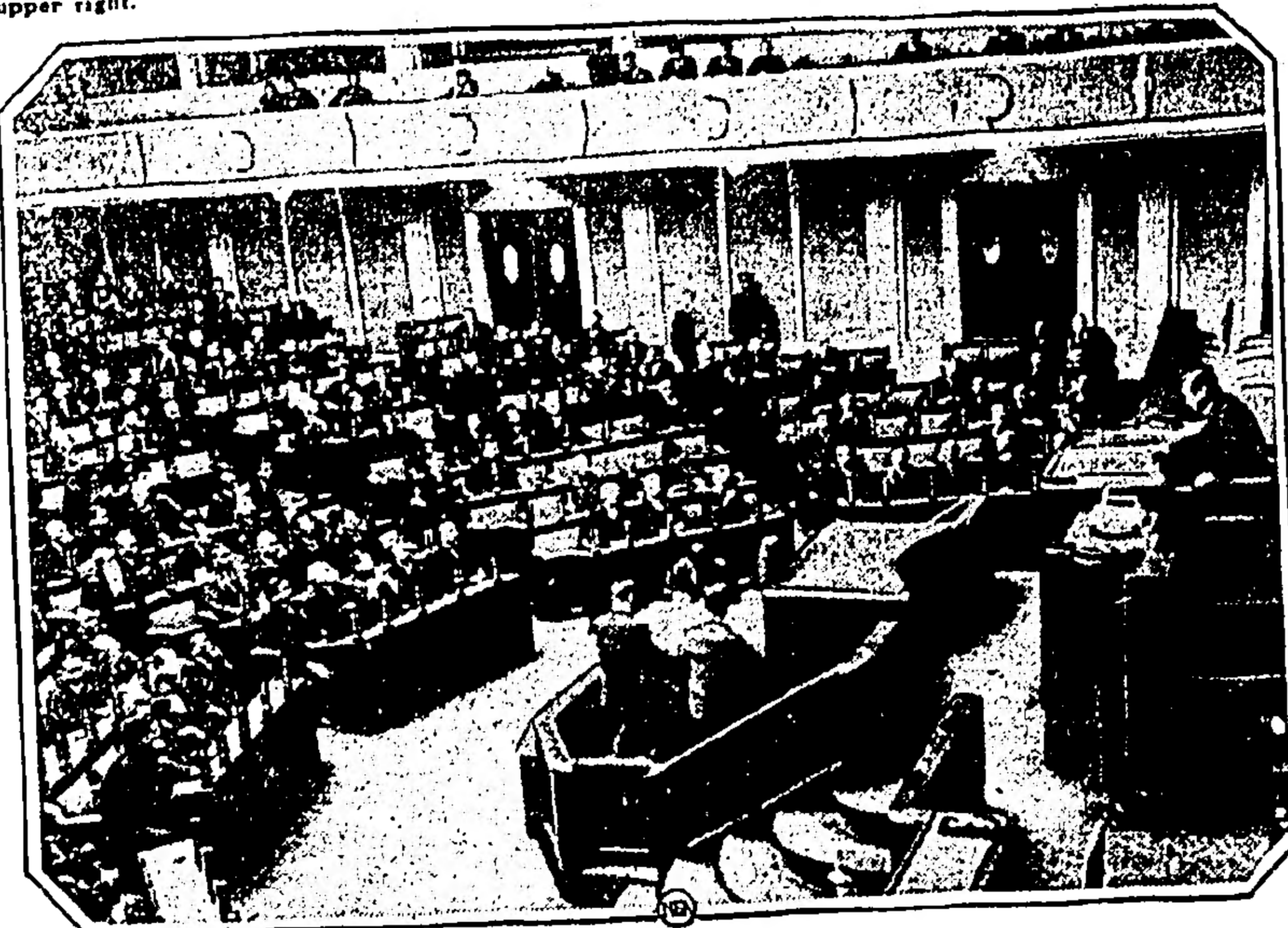
The main shaft houses of the Boliden gold mine recently discovered in Sweden and now being actively worked, are shown below, and at upper left are workers separating the ore. The bleak character of the Skelleftea district is suggested in the picture at upper right.



Fleeting forth clouds of smoke and ashes, De Fuogo—Guatemala's famous "Volcano of Fire"—presented this fearsome aspect as a minor eruption menaced the town of Antigua recently. Fine ashes rained over the community, terrorising the inhabitants.



Happily smiling despite their reported exile from Rumania, Prince Nicholas and his morganatic wife are shown as they left a fashionable hotel in Paris. Nicholas' recent marriage to the former Miss. Lucia Deleji—daughter of a saloonkeeper and divorced wife of a minor diplomat—aroused the wrath of King Carol.



The Japanese Diet, is shown above as it opened its 54th session recently.

## THREE KINDS OF LOVE

by KAY CLEVER STRAHAN

BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Ann and Cecily Fenwick have for years supported themselves, their younger sister, Mary-Frances, and their grandparents, known as "Uncle" and "Grand," because of the financial responsibilities, Ann, who is 25, is unable to marry. Phil, a young lawyer, to whom she has been engaged for eight years, Cecily, 22, loves Harry Mitchell, an engineer, but when he proposes she refuses to name her wedding date for the same reason.

Mary-Frances, 16, and still in school, believes herself in love with Earl De Armont, a vaudeville actor whom she has met without the knowledge of her sisters. He urges her to leave home and become his stage partner. Ann and Phil, who work in Phil's office building, address him with enthusiasm. Ann tries to forget Phil by going about with Kenneth Smith, rich and attentive.

Mary-Frances agrees to go away with De Armont. The same day Cecily quarrels with her grandfather and drives away with Harry in his car.

Kenneth Smith asks Ann to marry him and she refuses.

CHAPTER XI.

Opportunities for Mary-Frances, for Cissy, Cissy could marry, conscience clear, and be happy. What right did Ann have to refuse all this simply because she did not desire it for herself? Or did she, perhaps, desire it? She had never before thought of it seriously. She couldn't do the boy any harm. He did not love her—but he thought that he did. He loved himself so dearly that he could not bear to deny himself anything.

The trouble was that marrying this funny boy was just one of those things that could not be done—not for money, nor for any reason. Suppose Grand were all again this winter? Suppose Cecily might be married, right now. They had not bought their fuel for the coming winter. They had paid only half of the taxes last March. How soon could she find another position, with times as they were right now? People did do mad

things. People did do things like saying suddenly, "Very well. Drive to the City Hall and get a license and you'll be married right away." There was a phrase—"within the hour." Suppose she were to say that? Suppose she simply opened her mouth and allowed the words to come out? Then what would happen? The minister. The ceremony. "Honour and obey—"

She looked furtively at Kenneth. She looked longer, and drew in a deep breath and released it with a giggle, clear and antiseptic. She had been having a melodramatic dream, a bad dream, and she had come suddenly awake.

"What's the joke?" Kenny demanded.

"Nothing. I just thought of something amusing."

"Well, headache better?" he asked, but with no solicitude.

"Much better," she said, and thought, "It would tell like a dream. Cissy, I dreamed last night that I was going to marry Kenny Smith. It seemed as if I had to, to get a fur coat for Mary-Frances, and the winter's wood. But when we stood before the minister, and I was just ready to promise to honour and obey, why, Kenny turned into that puppy Mary-Frances used to have. You remember—we called him 'Scowls.' He was yellow and pouty, and Grand thought he gave him asthma. I said to the minister, 'Grand can't marry him,' and the minister said, 'One, two three. I know all the time you couldn't. Out goes she.' And Phil, who had been sort of in the background, all the time—'Ann paused, corrected carefully, 'Phil and Letty,' and forgot about the dream.

At two o'clock on this same Wednesday afternoon, Mary-Frances and Earl De Armont met, according to previously made arrangements, at the corner of Spruce Street and Fenwick Avenue. There they held converse, earnest but brief, and there they parted. Earl made his way alone to the suburb's business centre, and Mary-Frances, though she longed to go home, returned, discretion's victim, to Ermintrude Hill's house.

Ermintrude, sitting on the front porch, gloomily and slowly shelling green peas, saw her friend approaching, jumped up, spilled a lapful of pods, and rushed to meet her.

"Darling!" she exclaimed, "I just knew you'd come to your senses and think about me and everything. I just knew it! One of my—"

"It's his brown striped suit," said Mary-Frances. "The cleaners promised to have it ready by noon, but it isn't out yet, and we'll have to wait until four. I'm going to meet him again at four."

"No!" declared Ermintrude. "Darling—no, please," entreated Ermintrude. "It is just terrible. And, like I said—"

"I promised. He took my sister's bag."

"Well, you kept your promise, didn't you? You promised to meet him at two. It isn't your fault, is it, if he can't even have his clothes ready to wear or anything? Now, listen, Mary-Frances. You help me with these old peas, and I'll go with you, and we'll get your sister's bag, and—"

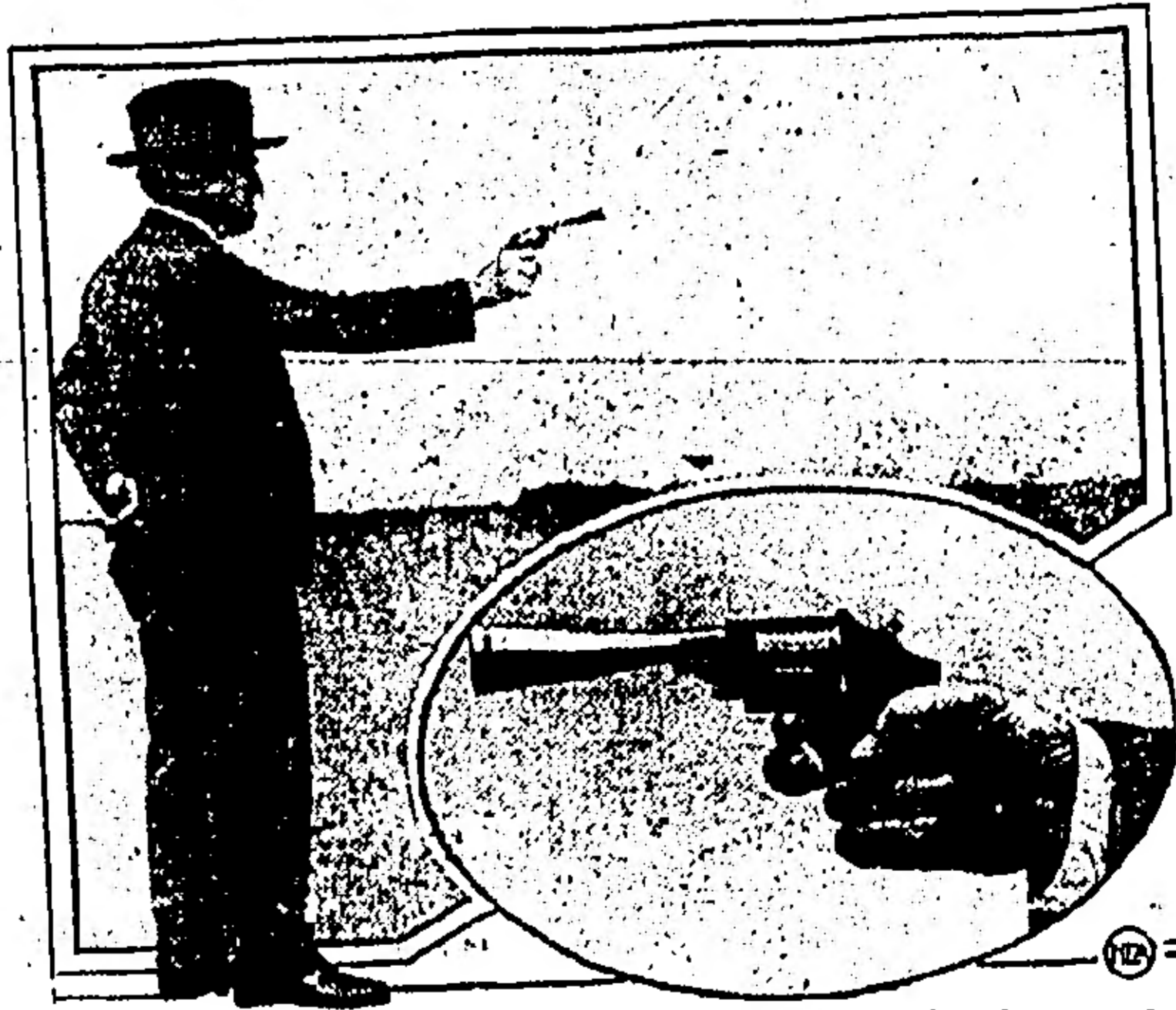
"I promised again to meet him at four. I'm going. I'm sorry if it all comes back on you, but I guess it won't. Anyway, I have to live my own life, I guess, and carve my own career and all. I don't know where he took Cissy's bag."

A car had parked behind the pink roses at the curb.

Ermintrude looked up and saw it and squealed high. "It's Uncle Chaney! It's Uncle Chaney!" and was halfway down the walk to meet him.

Uncle Chaney, indeed, and no other, straight from his ranch and a Dickens' novel, baskets (hamper, one should say) in hand; shirt-blue eyes in a round red face, china-white teeth in a pretty pink plate, beaming, twinkling, "Ho-mingling!" making all the right gestures, doing all the right things, and thoroughly well pleased with the world and himself.

Mrs. Hill came, and there were more greetings, and kisses, and laughter, and Mary-Frances on lagging legs followed the three into



A humane revolver, which inflicts a knockout, but leaves no injurious effects, is being tried out by the Paris police department. This "knockout gun" is the invention of Professor Diou, an expert on fire-arms, and consists of a cone-shaped attachment which can be applied to almost any revolver. Inside there is a power of chemical substances.

Mrs. Hill's chastely charming yellow-and-white kitchen. Uncle Chaney heaved the hamper to the table's shining top and said, for the third time, "Eddie, if I was going to camp on you folks, I'd better bring a little something along," and Mrs. Hill and Ermintrude began to dip into the baskets, and take things out, and exclaim, and say that "Eddie shouldn't have the idea!" and that Uncle Chaney shouldn't have, and "Salt rising bread!" and "enough for a regiment for a month," and all that sort of thing.

Chickens, spring ones, ready to fry; two quarts of Jersey cream as yellow as cheese; chubby brown cookies, cooked with raisins; and angel-food cake, lacking only wings, and strawberries, early picked with the dew on them, and fragrant in fresh green leaves. Sweet butter packed in a fat brown crock; white lettuce, crisp as paper; curving green cucumbers; holly-red tomatoes, and fascinating things in glasses that Eddie just put in 'cause she wanted you folks to sample 'em—she didn't know how good they were. All these, and more, too, were fed to the refrigerator, and plans were afoot for strawberry shortcake with whipped cream, and Mary-Frances watched and listened, faint and forlorn.

Since breakfast Mary-Frances had eaten one salted wafer. She

and Ermintrude had lunched together. When Ermintrude's cousin Esther had been married she had not eaten one bite—the cousin Esther, that is, of course—for two whole days preceding the event. Ermintrude's standards were high. Ermintrude's tongue was a just tonique. For years and years afterwards Ermintrude would say, "If she could say it truthfully. 'We were together all that day, and she was in a land of dreams. Nothing could persuade her to eat a bite.'"

Mrs. Hill looked at Mary-Frances and thought that the child seemed miserable and said, "You'll stay and have dinner with us, won't you, Mary-Frances?"

"I—can't, thank you," said Mary-Frances weakly. "Oh, so weakly! Yes, but you must. All this company food needs company."

"I—can't. Grand isn't very well, I'll be needed at home."

Mrs. Hill said, "You know best, dear, if that is the case," and felt meanly humbled. Here she had been wondering of late about the complete desirability of the little Fenwick girl as a playmate for Ermintrude. She knew that Mary-Frances was a nice little girl, still, she had been planning to encourage Ermintrude toward other friendships during the summer. And, all the while, the poor little bunny was perfectly sweet, with a real sense

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### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the General Managers have (with the sanction of the Consulting Committee of this Company) obtained at a Meeting of such Committee held here on the 14th day of March 1932, made a Call of \$50 per share in respect of the monies unpaid on the shares held by the Shareholders and that such Call should be paid on Wednesday, the 30th day of March, 1932, to the General Managers at the Offices of the Company.

That the General Managers have (with the like sanction of the Consulting Committee) determined to employ the sum of \$400,000 part of the Reserve Fund of the Company in paying a Special Dividend of \$50 per share on the shares of the Company held by the Shareholders and that such Special Dividend shall be payable on the 30th day of March, 1932.

Warrants for the Special Dividend can be obtained on application to the General Managers at the Offices of the Company.

Should any Shareholder fail to pay the amount of the said Call on the 30th day of March, 1932, the General Managers will, on the 31st day of March, 1932, apply the amount of the above mentioned Special Dividend due to him in payment and satisfaction of the said Call.

After payment or satisfaction of the said Call, in the manner above indicated a Memorandum showing the extent to which the shares are then paid up will be endorsed on all Certificates of Shares presented to the General Managers at the Offices of the Company.

The Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed from the 16th day of March 1932, to the 30th day of March, 1932, both days inclusive. Dated this 15th day of March, 1932.

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General Managers,  
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### UNION WATERBOAT CO. LTD.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Twenty Seventh Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Company, Limited, on Wednesday, the 30th March, 1932, at 3 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1931. The transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd March to 30th March 1932, both dates inclusive. DODWELL & COMPANY LTD.  
General Managers.

## THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

### NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Building, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, 31st MARCH 1932, at 11 a.m. for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1931.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 24th to the 31st March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.

**R. M. DYER,**  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 17th March, 1932.

## THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Sixty-third Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 30th March, 1932, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1931.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 16th to the 30th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

**JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LIMITED.**  
General Managers,  
The Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Ltd.  
Hongkong, 9th March, 1932.

## GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the 43rd Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Thursday, the 31st day of March, 1932, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1931.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 12th March, 1932, to Thursday, 31st March, 1932, both days inclusive. By order of the Board of Directors.

**ALLAN KEITH,**  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 1st March, 1932.

## THE HONG KONG MEMORIAL NURSING HOME.

The public is advised that the Nursing Home is now open for the admission of patients. Accommodation is provided for fifty-five persons, including twenty-six first-class and maternity wards.

The Nursing Home is furnished and equipped throughout on the most modern lines. Private bathrooms are attached to each first-class ward.

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**LINSTEAD & DAVIS.**  
Secretaries & Treasurers.

## THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-eighth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 30th March, 1932, at 11.30 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December 1931, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday, 19th March, 1932, until Wednesday, 30th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,  
**SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,**  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 4th March, 1932.

## SEVENTH CHILD RIDDLE.

Is the seventh child of a seventh child more apt than others to be a genius, or do the bright boys and girls come just as readily or more readily among the firstborn or the second?

In a broadcast last night, Sir William Beveridge, Director of the London School of Economics, said the investigation in which "the B.B.C. and himself were co-operating might lead to the mystery of the seventh child being solved.

## SATURDAY'S RACE MEETING.

### SEASON TICKET BREAKS RECORD.

The outstanding event at Saturday's Races was the remarkable performance of Season Ticket, which broke the six furlong record for Australian ponies in the very fast time of 1 min. 21.2/5 secs.

Excellent conditions prevailed, and good racing was seen in almost every event. Woodland, last year's unbeaten Australian champion, suffered defeat when he lost to one of this year's batch of ponies from Australia. However, he should make amends to-day, as the distance will be longer.

1 Commonwealth Handicap.—Winner \$450. Second \$225. Third \$125. For China Ponies, "D" Class. To be ridden by Jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time. Heliosides Helter, Skeller, 140 lb. (Mr. D. Black) 1

E. L. Hosi's Philanderer 158 lb. (Mr. W. W. Miles) 2  
L. T. F.'s Gold Bar 160 lb. (Mr. Butler) 3

Also ran: Blue Heaven 156 lb. (Mr. H. P. Chan) 4; Buchanan 155 lb. (Mr. A. M. L. Soares) 5; Celerity 140 lb. (Mr. Carroll) 6; Country Club 140 lb. (Mr. A. E. M. Rafeek) 7; Duke of Milan 160 lb. (Mr. J. H. Charley) 8; Echo 142 lb. (Mr. A. R. Botelho) 9; Heliosides Helter 140 lb. (Mr. A. R. Botelho) 10; Helio tropa Leaf 165 lb. (Lt. Berosford) 11; Little Gem 140 lb. (Mr. Y. T. Fung) 12; Serapiti 143 lb. (Mr. Noronha) 13; Shanghai Beau 162 lb. (Mr. H. P. Chan) 14; Sonny Boy 140 lb. (Mr. H. C. Lee) 15; Tanager 140 lb. (Mr. A. R. Botelho) 16.

Time:—2 mins. 05.3/5 secs.  
Won by a length; 3 lengths.

Parimutuel:—Winner \$200.00; Places, 1st \$29.50; 2nd \$9.40; 3rd \$5.20.

2 Rosehill Handicap.—Winner \$500. Australian Ponies, "A" Class. Six Furlongs.

L. Reilly's Season Ticket 158 lb. (Mr. Reilly) 1  
Chan Tin-sun's Woodland Stag 140 lb. (Mr. Frost) 2  
Kwong Sai's Wotin 148 lb. (Mr. Proulx) 3

Also ran: City of Melbourne 148 lb. (Mr. Y. S. Chang) 4; Evening Star 160 lb. (Mr. S. N. Pan) 5; Kilean 147 lb. (Mr. Harriman) 6; Manna 140 lb. (Mr. A. W. da Rosa) 7; Pegasus 142 lb. (Mr. A. R. Botelho) 8; Sunlight 158 lb. (Mr. Butler) 9.

Time:—1 min. 21.2/5 secs. (Record).  
Won by a neck; 3 lengths.

Parimutuel:—Winner \$22.70; Places, 1st \$3.80; 2nd \$5.20; 3rd \$3.60.

3 Commonwealth Handicap.—Winner \$600. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies, "C" Class. From the Two Mile Post Once Round and in (about one mile 171 Yards).

Li & Li's Don 161 lb. (Mr. Ip Kuy-ying) 1  
Bollamy & Gordon's King's Parade 162 lb. (Mr. Y. S. Chang) 2  
Mrs. Dunbar's Pegasus 160 lb. (Mr. R. Corbett) 3

Also ran: Alexandra Hall 144 lb. (Mr. A. Y. T. Fung) 4; Cabinet Hall 140 lb. (Mr. Ahern) 5; Cebu 140 lb. (Mr. Black) 6; Christmas Belle 147 lb. (Mr. Palmer) 7; Christmas Frolic 152 lb. (Mr. Stanton) 8; Cloudy Eve 158 lb. (Mr. Charles) 9; Devon 140 lb. (Mr. Miles) 10; Esculapio 140 lb. (Mr. Ben-ham) 11; Festival Eve 141 lb. (Mr. Proulx) 12; Gold Ring 156 lb. (Mr. S. N. Pan) 13; Jack 161 lb. (Mr. A. W. da Rosa) 14; Imperial Hall 152 lb. (Mr. Harriman) 15; Just Imagine 140 lb. (Mr. A. E. M. Rafeek) 16; Lobster Bay 158 lb. (Mr. Noronha) 17; Mindoro 140 lb. (Mr. H. C. Lee) 18; Mon Tahanan 140 lb. (Mr. A. W. da Rosa) 19; Navy Hall 160 lb. (Mr. Caplan) 20; Orland 155 lb. (Mr. Y. M. Loo) 21; San Francisco 162 lb. (Mr. A. R. Botelho) 22; The Gadwall 140 lb. (Mr. Butler) 23; The Plover 155 lb. (Mr. Carroll) 24; Toby 140 lb. (Mr. S. Y. Liang) 25; Tommy Boy 148 lb. (Mr. Charley) 26; Wembley Stag 160 lb. (Mr. Frost) 27.

Time: 2 mins. 15 secs.  
Won by 1 1/4 lengths; 1 length.

Parimutuel:—Winner \$36.90; Places, 1st \$12.00; 2nd \$9.70; 3rd \$6.40.

4 Colonial Stakes.—Winner \$500. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies, Griffins of this Season. Weight for inches as per scale. Non-winning starters allowed 7 lb. Winners of two races, 7 lb. penalty; of more than two races, barred. Jockey Allowance. Allowances accumulative. One and a Quarter Miles.

Samson's Princess Hall 161 lb. (Mr. S. N. Pan) 1  
Li & Li's Deveron 154 lb. (Mr. Y. S. Chang) 2  
D. J. Lewis's Tontine 161 lb. (Mr. S. Y. Liang) 3

Also ran: Chateau Bay 153 lb. (Mr. Butler) 4; Christmas Joy 154 lb. (Mr. Proulx) 5; Dee 155 lb. (Mr. Y. S. Chang) 6; Jack 161 lb. (Mr. A. W. da Rosa) 7; Lunar Star 158 lb. (Mr. S. N. Pan) 8; Myrtle Leaf 146 lb. (Mr. Carroll) 9; The Lion 145 lb. (Mr. Charley) 10; Workable Stag 161 lb. (Mr. Frost) 11.

Time: 2 mins. 35.2/5 secs.  
Won by a neck.

Parimutuel:—Winner \$18.80; Places, 1st \$10.70; 2nd \$31.30 (Tontine) and \$22.10 (Deveron).

5 Trenchard Handicap.—Winner \$500. Second \$200. Third \$100. For Australian Ponies, "B" Class. Six Furlongs.

A. H. Carroll's Anniversary Eve 146 lb. (Mr. Y. S. Chang) 1  
Swallow's Choy Pak 157 lb. (Mr. Harriman) 2  
Seth's But After 162 lb. (Mr. Miles) 3

Also ran: Canny 140 lb. (Mr. Ip Kuy-ying) 4; Joquin 154 lb. (Mr. Harriman) 5; Lucy Giltner 162 lb. (Mr. Frost) 6; Lung Mui 144 lb. (Mr. Palmer) 7; Miss Jummy 140 lb. (Mr. Butler) 8; Senovita 140 lb. (Mr. A. W. da Rosa) 9; Tailing 150 lb. (Mr. Proulx) 10; Tin Tae 144 lb. (Mr. S. Y. Liang) 11.

Time: 1 min. 24.2/5 secs.  
Won by a length short head.

Parimutuel:—Winner \$25.20; Places, 1st \$8.90; 2nd \$18.00; 3rd \$7.40.

## THE CASH SWEEPS.

Following are the winning sweep numbers at Saturday's Extra race meetings:

Race 1. \$609.20  
No. 227 191.20  
" 52 28.60

Parimutuel:—Winner \$33.00; Places, 1st \$13.70; 2nd \$10.40; 3rd \$5.20.

6 First Aggregate Stakes. Value \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. The Stakes will be run for six times, or as decided by the Stewards. Marks to count 4 for a win, 2 for a second and 1 for a third in each race. Six furlongs.

L. Dunbar's Glenesgale 140 lb. (Mr. Frost) 1  
Dynasty's King's Bounty 148 lb. (Mr. Y. S. Chang) 2  
L. Reilly's Bag & Baggage 151 lb. (Mr. Reilly) 3

Also ran: Cyclamen Bay 146 lb. (Mr. Butler) 4; Silver Bell 151 lb. (Mr. Y. T. Fung) 5; Valorous 145 lb. (Mr. Frost) 6.

Time: 1 min. 26.1/5 secs.  
Won by 2 lengths; 1/4 length.

Parimutuel:—Winner \$11.40; Places, 1st \$5.10; 2nd \$5.10; 3rd \$5.20.

7 Commonwealth Handicap. Winner \$400. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, "E" Class. One Mile.

Li & Li's Mistletoe 155 lb. (Mr. Ip Kuy-ying) 1  
H. S. Chan's Pochonina 158 lb. (Mr. Y. S. Chang) 2  
Hau Up's Jupiter 184 lb. (Mr. Charley) 3

Also ran: Blue Piano 155 lb. (Mr. Caplan) 4; Bright Eyes 165 lb. (Mr. F. M. L. Soares) 5; Don't Whidden 152 lb. (Mr. Y. T. Fung) 6; Estrella 155 lb. (Mr. A. R. Botelho) 7; Friar John 145 lb. (Mr. Proulx) 8; Gamster 153 lb. (Mr. Butler) 9; Highlinka 155 lb. (Mr. Frost) 10; Hwergo 155 lb. (Mr. Ben-ham) 11; Hooray 158 lb. (Mr. S. N. Pan) 12; Kung 155 lb. (Mr. Rafeek) 13; Kung 155 lb. (Mr. Rafeek) 14; Kung 155 lb. (Mr. Rafeek) 15; Kung 155 lb. (Mr. Rafeek) 16; Kung 155 lb. (Mr. Rafeek) 17; Kung 155 lb. (Mr. Rafeek) 18; Kung 155 lb. (Mr. Rafeek) 19; Kung 155 lb. (Mr. Rafeek) 20; Kung 155 lb. (Mr. Rafeek) 21; Kung 155 lb. (Mr. Rafeek) 22; Kung 155 lb. (Mr. Rafeek) 23; Kung 155 lb. (Mr. Rafeek) 24; Kung 155 lb. (Mr. Rafeek) 25; Kung 155 lb. (Mr. Rafeek) 26; Kung 155 lb. (Mr. Rafeek) 27; Kung 155 lb. (Mr. Rafeek) 28; Kung 155 lb. (Mr. Rafeek) 29; Kung 155 lb. (Mr. Rafeek) 30; Kung 155 lb. (Mr. Rafeek) 31; Kung 155 lb. (Mr. Rafeek) 32; Kung 155 lb. (Mr. Rafeek) 33; Kung 155 lb. 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PEACE DEADLOCK  
IN SHANGHAI.JAPANESE BUILDING  
DEFENCES.

Shanghai, Mar. 26.  
The Peace Conference met again to-day at the British Consulate but no progress was made. It is understood that the Conference was almost ruined over the question of the line to which the Japanese are to withdraw.

It was stated yesterday that the Japanese demanded that they be allowed to hold the line extending from Chenju to the Szechwan River and along the Yangtze from Yangchow to Tachang. The Chinese Delegates refused to accede to this demand and the meeting almost met with disaster.

The Neutral Delegate finally secured another meeting this morning, which, however, failed to surmount the hurdle, but it appointed a Sub-Committee consisting of Chinese and Japanese Military Officers who will discuss the matter, and it is hoped that this will facilitate the work of the Conference when it meets again on Monday.

Meanwhile, the Chinese and Japanese Delegates have referred to their respective Governments for further instructions.—*Reuter.*

Auxiliary Units Being  
Withdrawn.

Tokyo, Mar. 26.  
Imperial sanction was obtained this afternoon to carry out the second withdrawal of troops from Shanghai to Japan, and Mr. Shirakawa has been instructed accordingly.

Details were not obtainable, but the withdrawal is believed to comprise the Engineering, Commissariat and other special units originally despatched as Army Troops.—*Reuter.*

Japanese Digging  
Themselves In.

Shanghai, Mar. 27.  
A visit to the areas west of Kiangwan bear out Nanking's persistent reports that the Japanese are building extra defences and digging themselves in.

Near Chenju Japanese troops are busy digging trenches and laying barbed wire entanglements.—*Reuter Special.*

## The Commission.

Nanking, Mar. 27.  
The city was gay with flags and the streets lined with people to welcome the Lord Lytton Commission this morning.

The party were officially met aboard the Tuckoo by Mr. Lo Wu-kan, the Foreign Minister. They then motored through the streets escorted by officers of the Moral Endeavour Society, where they are quartering.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei is entertaining them to lunch to-morrow, and a full programme has been fixed for the four days the Commission is expected to remain here.—*Reuter.*

## Strict Rule Broken.

Shanghai, Mar. 27.  
As indicating the Chinese authorities' intention to show every possible courtesy to the Lytton Commission, the very strict rule against smoking and drinking on the premises of the officers of the Moral Endeavour Society was broken in their favour. Hitherto even military commanders and Government leaders were not granted such liberty.

There is a possibility that the Commission will proceed to Hankow after concluding their enquiry in Nanking.—*Reuter Special.*

## Washington Riot.

Washington, Mar. 27.  
Several people were injured in a clash which occurred outside the Japanese Embassy when the police broke up a radical demonstration in which banners were carried denouncing Japanese imperialism in China.—*Reuter's American Service.*

## BISHOP INDISPOSED.

FAREWELL SERMON AT ST.  
JOHN'S ON SUNDAY.

His Lordship, the Right Rev. C. R. Duppuy, Bishop of Victoria, who is severing his connexion with the Colony, is indisposed and has been confined to bed suffering from fever.

The Bishop of Victoria is due to leave Hongkong for Home shortly and is to preach his farewell sermon at St. John's Cathedral on Sunday next. Special arrangements are being made by other churches to permit their congregations to listen to the sermon, which will also be broadcast. The usual morning service at St. Peter's Church has been cancelled to allow worshippers to attend the Cathedral, whilst the parishioners of St. Andrew's Church hope to receive the sermon by radio.

CAR WITHOUT  
GEARS.REMARKABLE BRITISH  
INVENTION.

Yesterday writes a London correspondent, saw the advent of a car that has no gear-box, yet has an infinite variety of rear axle drives from a high ratio of 5 to 1 to the lowest of 30 to 1.

I was a passenger in the first trip of this car, which will be available to the public next year, when a famous manufacturer will put it on the market as his 1933 "easy-to-drive" model.

Gear changing is abolished as regards the old-fashioned method of sliding gears. After the engine is started the driver has only to move a small lever on the steering wheel and the car glides away from rest whether it be on level ground or an uphill gradient of 1 in 3.

This new device, which is the invention of a British engineer, Mr. Robertson, of Tank fame, gives a direct drive so flexible that one can crawl at a speed of 1½ miles an hour; travel at 60 miles an hour on the level, and ascend steep hills which no ordinary car can climb.

The secret is a hydraulic-controlled friction clutch drive which allows the driver to select the ratio suitable for the occasion by moving the lever on the steering wheel up or down. The lever controls the action of a tiny oil pump which acts as a hydraulic ram, engaging on the clutch flywheel. No clutch pedal is required.

The new device gave the 8 h.p. car tested all the acceleration and climbing power of a car of four times its engine rating. We ramped up difficult hills with ease, jumped from slow to fast speeds in a few seconds, while the driver simply kept his foot down on the accelerator pedal and moved the hydraulic control lever to the position giving the desired speed (and therefore gear ratio) to suit the occasion.

EXPLOSION IN A  
PILL-BOX.PROFESSOR BADLY  
INJURED.

Bristol, Feb. 27.  
Dr. W. E. Garner, Professor of Physical Chemistry at Bristol University, was severely injured by an explosion of chemicals in a cellar at the University to-day.

His condition is stated to be serious. Dr. Garner had arranged to give a lecture on explosives at the Royal Institution in London and he went to the cellar where chemicals are stored to obtain a supply for experiment.

In a Pill Box.  
He was carrying six milligrammes, equal to about half a dozen pinheads, in a pill box, and it was this which exploded.

Dr. Garner staggered from the cellar into a passage, and was found there with his hand badly injured, his face burned, and suffering from shock.

An ambulance officer who was in the building gave first-aid, and the professor was later removed to the Royal Infirmary in a motor-car.

A Safe Explosive.  
"Such an explosion has never occurred here before," said an official at the University. "These things do happen occasionally. For some unknown reason, what is a perfectly safe explosive goes off under the most unexpected conditions. It will probably never happen again. Dr. Garner is a very careful experimenter and worked at Woolwich during the war."

Dr. Garner has been Professor of Physical Chemistry at the University since 1927. Born in 1889, he was a lecturer in chemistry at the University of Birmingham in 1910.

## WORK FOR 3,000.

PATRIOTIC OFFER BY  
JERSEY FARMERS.

The farmers of Jersey, who find a ready market in England for their early produce, are making a patriotic gesture which should assist in relieving to an extent the unemployment problem.

Some 3,000 agricultural workers will be required in May to deal with the early potato and tomato crops in the island. Previously the labour has been imported from Brittany, but this year efforts are to be made to absorb surplus labour from Great Britain.

The terms offered are attractive. Passengers will be provided both ways. The Farmers' Union of Jersey will send to selected centres in England a deputation to interview prospective workers.

IF HOGARTH CAME  
BACK.THE SILENT FILM  
AS MEDIUM.

Themes for the genius of William Hogarth, the great English painter and pictorial satirist, had he been alive to-day, were enumerated by Mr. Herbert Hubbard, in a lecture at the Royal Society of Arts.

"Instead of 'The Lottery,'" Mr. Hubbard remarked, "he would paint 'The Irish Sweepstakes,' 'Women making up in Public' would take the place of 'Strolling Actresses Dressing in a Barn,' 'Marriage à la Mode' would become 'Divorce à la Mode.' The dole would offer him another 'Industry and Idleness'; instead of 'The Snake Coach' he would depict the departure of a motor-coach. For 'Beer Street' and 'Gin Lane' and 'Cocktail Court,' 'False Perspectives Exemplified' would, without alteration, summarise his reaction to modernistic art. In the frame of 'The Cock Pit' would be 'The Dirt Track' or 'Dog Racing.'"

"He would have let himself go over another 'Election' series. Mr. Gandhi, Steve Donoghue, 'Dora,' Dean Inge, and Charlie Chaplin would occupy the throne in his studio."

## Celluloid for Canvas.

"Could he have kept away from Epsom? Mr. Hubbard asked. "With his sense of the theatre I believe celluloid would have taken the place of canvas with him. I wished, he wrote, 'to compose pictures similar to representations on the stage.'"

I have endeavoured to treat my subject as a dramatic writer; my pictures as my stage, and men and women my players, who, by means of certain actions and gestures are to exhibit a dumb show. The silent film, not the talkie, would have been his medium.

"A Harlot's Progress," "A Rake's Progress," "Marriage à la Mode," are not these the plots of more than 75 per cent. of the films we see to-day?"

## WAR DEBTS.

APPEAL BY CHURCHES  
AND PUBLIC MEN.

Professors, leading Churchmen and business men have given their signatures to a declaration urging—

The cancellation of war indemnities and reparations.  
The lightening of the crushing burden of taxation due to excessive armaments.  
The lowering or removal of tariff barriers.

"With no lack of natural products or manufactured goods everywhere, the whole world is threatened with bankruptcy," states the declaration, which is published under the title of "The Interdependence of Nations."

"No one would deny that the circulation of goods is the life-blood of national and international commerce. We therefore affirm that the only way to renewed prosperity is the removal of all hindrances to the free flow of goods and commodities and to unhampered intercourse between the nations....  
The Signatories.

Among the signatories to the declaration are those of:  
Mr. E. Aubrey (secretary, Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland), the Rev. Dr. Berry (secretary, Congregational Union of England and Wales), Sir William Beveridge (director, London School of Economics), the Rev. Carey Bonner (president, Baptist Union), the Bishop of Ripon, Lord Gwyndar, the Rev. C. Jackson (president-designate, United Methodist Church), the Rev. Dr. J. Scott Lidgett (Vice-Chancellor, London University), the Right Rev. R. G. Parsons, Bishop of Middleton, Major H. L. Nathan, M.P., Lord Rhyader, Lord Rochdale, Dr. Maude Royden, the Archbishop of York, the Bishop of Manchester and the Rev. K. Harrop White (president, General Assembly of the Unitarian and Free Christian Churches).

## DARTMOOR ATTACK.

INJURY TO CONVICT WHO  
WAS LOYAL DURING MUTINY.

Two Dartmoor convicts were reported recently to have been removed to the punishment cells following an attack on another prisoner who remained loyal during the mutiny.

The man attacked was taken to hospital with a broken jaw. Chief Inspector Hambrook and Sgt. Bell, the Scotland Yard detectives who have been making inquiries in Dartmoor Prison in connexion with the mutiny, attended conferences at the offices of the Director of Public Prosecutions and with officials at the Home Office.

AN EXCLUSIVE  
PROFESSION.TOASTMASTERS BORN  
NOT MADE.

"Your Royal Highness, my lords, ladies and gentlemen, pray silence for..."

With arms outspread or raised according to taste, with mellow tones surging over the chattering throng, the scarlet coat brilliant among the black and white which is the motif of the gathering, the toastmaster impels every eye, stills every voice.

How does he do it?

Is there a school for training toastmasters?

Do they take degrees? Are there text books on the subject and examinations? None of these things—toastmasters are born, not made.

That is the considered verdict of the handful of London toastmasters whose ranks have recently been depleted by the death of the doyen of them all, Mr. Knight-Smith.

Years ago, tradition has it, the first toastmaster graduated from a railway station, where his sonorous renderings of station names won him the coveted rostrum at Lloyd's. A tale is told of the member who heard his name being shouted as he was emerging from Mansion House station and by means of a hansom was on the floor of Lloyd's before the last syllable had echoed itself to a standstill.

This is probably apocryphal, but there is no doubt that the exporter made a stir in the City.

To-day, with nearly every other business and profession in the doldrums, the toastmasters of London admit that they have more work to do than they can manage.

## Tact and Patience.

The "compliment toastmaster" must have personality, good deportment, a good appearance, a good voice, experience of procedure, infinite tact, and more than man's usual share of patience.

Small wonder, then, that there are few toastmasters in London.

Now that Mr. Knight-Smith is dead it is likely that his son will succeed him. Some years ago he assisted his father in the work, but left it for a prosperous garage business. Now he will almost certainly return to the scarlet coat and white gloves.

The other "leaders" of the profession are Mr. E. W. Poynter and Mr. Tinsley. Mr. Poynter, who emerged from the war with an M.C. and the rank of Captain, graduated to the being a guest.

On many occasions as he was called to his feet by Mr. Knight-Smith, he wondered what "it was like to be a toastmaster."

He made up his mind to find out and went to as many functions as he could to study the technique. Then he "tried it on the dog"—the society of which he was a member. Flushed with success he offered his services elsewhere and gradually founded his present extensive practice.

Most nights of the week during the dining-out season he has to employ deputies to take his place.

"Some years ago," he said, "practically only large official gatherings engaged a toastmaster. Smaller gatherings used to rely on a waiter with lamentable results. Gradually people began to see that apart from announcing the toasts the toastmaster had a way of making the whole function run smoothly. So our business grew."

THE DEPRESSION IN  
SWEDEN.ECONOMIC BLIZZARD  
WEATHERING.

After lengthy negotiations new wage agreements have been concluded between the employers and the trade unions in three of Sweden's most important branches of industry, the machine works, the iron works and the wood industry. Negotiations for an agreement in the woodpulp industry are at present being carried on.

The three agreements resulted in a wage reduction for the machine and iron works of 4 to 5 per cent. and for the sawmill industry of 6 to 8 per cent.

The latest Riksbank report shows a continued improvement of the position of the bank through a further reduction of the note circulation by 12 million kroner to 499 millions, leaving an unused note reserve of 175 million kroner. At the same time the foreign currency reserve registered another increase by 3 millions to 80 million kroner.

The latest general report of the Swedish private banks shows a total improvement of the foreign balance of payments by 24 million kroner, leaving a net surplus of foreign claims of 811 million kroner.

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Apache Dance (Offenbach).  
La Golondrina (The Swallow) (Serradell).  
Victor Salon Orchestra. 21055 Vic.

7.12-8.00 p.m. Variety.  
Negro Spiritual—Run, Mary, Run.  
Negro Spiritual—Nobody Knows de Trouble I See.  
Edna Thomas (Soprano). Col. 5104.  
Song—In my Young Days.  
Song—The Nut Brown Ale of England.

Ernest Hastings. Col. 5042.  
Instrumental—Hilo-Hawailian March.  
Instrumental—Drowsy Waters.  
Kane's Hawaiians. Vic. 20702.  
Song—Because No Power on Earth Can Pull It Down.

Song—The Barriers in the Walworth Road.  
Norman Long. Col. DB292.  
Descriptive Ballad—The Village Blacksmith.

Columbia Dramatic Players. Col. 5850.  
Saxophone Solo—Marilyn.  
Saxophone Solo—Saxema.  
Rudy Wiedoff. Vic. 21152.  
Song—Mighty Lak a Rose.  
Song—Kentucky Babe.

Vaughn De Leath (Soprano). Vic. 20064.  
Song—If You Can't Have the Girl of Your Dreams.  
Song—A Big Bouquet for You.

Charles Lawman (Tenor). Col. DB350.  
8.00 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.

8.04-8.20 p.m.  
Sonata Appassionata (In F Minor) (Beethoven, Op. 57).  
Harold Bauer (Pianist).  
1st Movement—Allegro assai.  
2nd Movement—Andante con moto.  
3rd Movement—Allegro ma non troppo. Vic. 6007-0608.

8.20-8.38 p.m.  
Ballet Egyptian Suite (Luigini).  
Played by the Concert Orchestra. Col. 35704-35705.

8.38-9.00 p.m. Operatic.  
Song—Tosca—Love and Music (Puccini).  
Song—Cavalleria Rusticana—Well You Know, Good Mother (Mascagni).  
Maria Jeritza. Vic. 1846.

Band—Aida—Introduction and Moorish Ballet (Verdi).  
Band—Aida—Grand March and Finale (Verdi).  
Crestone's Band. Vic. 35780.

Song—La Sonnambula—As I View these Scenes (Bellini).  
Song—Mefistofele—Tail, Sovereign Lord (Bolti).  
Feodor Chalapin (Bass). Vic. 1269.

9.00-9.20 p.m. Musical Comedy and Talkie Tunes.  
A Warm Corner—Laughter Record.  
Leslie Henson, Heather Thatcher, Austin Connolly, Kim Pencock, Melford, and Prince's Theatre London Company. Col. DB145.

Whoopee—Billie Holiday.  
Billy Cotton and His Band. Col. DB382.  
Nippy—While We're in Love.  
Arthur Riscoe and Betty Shale.  
Nippy—A Couple of Fine Old Schools.

Clifford Mollison and Arthur Riscoe. Col. DB351.  
9.20-9.50 p.m. Instrumental.  
Piano Solo—Minstrels (Debussy).  
William Murdoch. Col. 5107.  
Violoncello Solo—Goyescas—Intermezzo (Granados).  
Violoncello Solo—Adagio (Bach—Sicli-Casals).

Pallo Casals. Vic. 6035.  
Quartet—Minuet—Transcription (From Sonata in C) (Schubert).  
Lerner String Quartet. Col. DB290.  
Piano Solo—Variations in C Minor (Beethoven).  
Sergei Rachmaninoff. Vic. 5544.

Violin Solo—Caprice Violoncello (Kreisler).  
Nagum Blinder. Col. DX7.  
9.50-10.30 p.m. Gilbert and Sullivan Vocal Gems.

The Yeomen of the Guard.  
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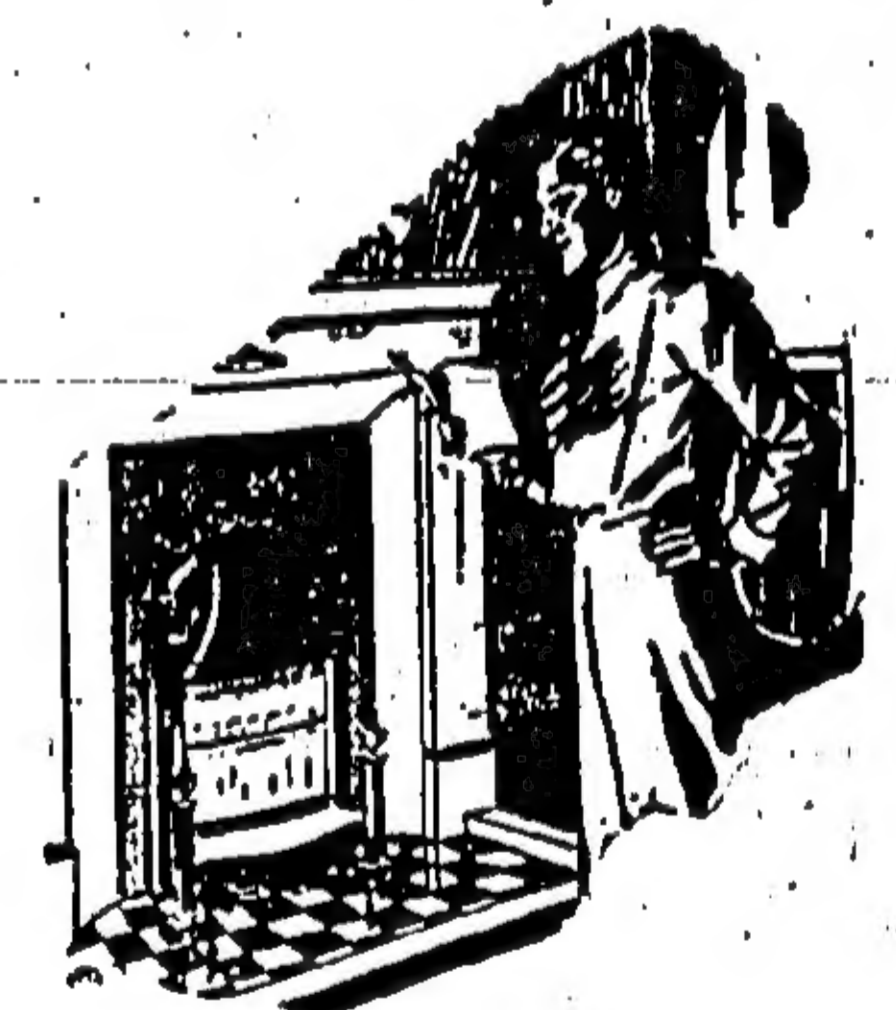
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### SHIELD FINALS.

## Club Attack Fades Out. Borderers Snatch Victory.

### JUNIOR TROPHY GOES TO R.A.

By "Wanderer."

Borderers 3 H.K.F. Club 2

The Club gave a good account of themselves, but the South Wales Borderers were masters in tactics throughout a keen game, which although not spectacular, abounded in thrills and exciting incidents. Only in the first twenty minutes were there real visions of a Club victory and the capture of the Senior Shield for the first time in ten years. In this period, the forwards, without being at all brilliant, were impressive. They took the short route for goal and Pote-Hunt's masterly ball manipulation opened up glorious opportunities to Howe and Gerrard.

The centre-forward netted from an easy position five minutes from the start, but he missed an equally good opening soon afterwards and Gerrard also drove badly wide when well placed. Had they scored—and the ball should have been sent into the net by four players out of five similarly placed—the result would have probably been vastly different. The Borderers' defence was at this time more than a little rattled, Morrison was hurt and went into the forward line and skilfully though Channings played at back the alterations in the half-back line lowered the standard of the play of the middle line startlingly.

But as the Borderers' half-backs showed signs of faltering, so did the Club forwards lose their punch and effectiveness. Now and again, Pote-Hunt played like a man inspired. He was at all times the dominating figure in the Club attack. His quickness at seeing an opening and his beautiful passes again and again left only the finishing-off work for his colleagues, but, largely through lack of anticipation, the opportunities were wasted.

Harris equalised Howe's goal with a great shot from close in ten minutes from the start, and four or five minutes later, Strange fluked the lead for the Club, scoring from a seemingly impossible angle when Johnson ran out of his charge and failed to get hold of the ball in a scramble.

Davis equalised before the interval in somewhat similar fashion, though he was directly in front of goal when Rodger was obstructed by a colleague, giving Davis a simple shot into an untenanted net.

The second half found the Borderers pressing steadily, with occasional dangerous-looking bursts by the Club which seldom, however, progressed beyond Channings and Mullane, the strong forces in the Borderers' defence. Channings particularly earned high praise. Going from centre-half to full-back, his kicking was splendidly clean and accurate and his interceptions were capitally timed.

The forwards were, nevertheless, having a trying time against a determined Club defence in which Baldwin, Foley and Strange were outstanding. Baldwin gave a great display against Davis and Harris, emerging with success from a large proportion of his tackles, while the amount of work he accomplished in covering his backs and lending himself to the attack was prodigious.

Strange always bobbed up in the right place at the critical moment. He got through a tremendous amount of work with marked judgment, while Foley backed him up splendidly though it seemed to be his error of judgment which led to the second goal.

The third and winning goal developed on the right wing, from a long kick which caught the Club defence unprepared. Even so, Davis seemed offside when he received the ball from Harris, though Jones, the actual scorer, was legitimately placed when he took a pass from Davis, who had carried the ball down and slipped it neatly at the right moment.

The Club carried on with pluck and persistency, but only five minutes remained for play, and the Borderers concentrated on defence, not being too earnest about keeping the ball in play. The Club compared favourably with their rivals in defence, but were without any definite plan of campaign. The only weakness

### LOCAL YACHTING.

#### RACES FOR PRESENTED CUPS ON SUNDAY.

Three events for Presented Cups were decided under the auspices of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club at North Point on Saturday afternoon over the following course:—Channel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rock (P), Ramsey Shoal (P) and Channel Rocks (S). Distance: 7.5 miles.

The results were:

"II" Class (Started at 2.25 p.m.)		
Yacht	Finished	Corrected
Norena	3.42.20	3.40.20
Tolla	3.41.58	3.41.20
Argyll II	3.40.16	3.40.08
Urothera	3.46.01	3.45.00
Diana	3.45.01	3.45.00
"I" & "T" Class (Started at 2.35 p.m.)		
Daphne	3.57.01	3.57.01
Atlas	3.50.40	3.50.40
Why Wonder?	3.49.01	3.51.22
Blupacket	3.49.00	3.50.51
Boojum	3.57.27	3.57.27
Speedwell	3.50.55	3.50.55
Adams	4.02.64	4.01.16
"C" Class (Started at 2.55 p.m.)		
Wendy	4.18.34	4.14.16
Dunkle	4.08.04	4.08.04

Sourabaya, Mar. 26.

Seven rubber estates are closing down and several others are substituting other crops for rubber owing to the rejection of the rubber restriction plan.—Reuter.

of the Borderers' attack was the insiduity of the effort to walk the ball into the net.

### JUNIOR FINAL.

#### Artillery Too Big for R.A.F.

12th Battery ... 2 R.A.F. ... 1

I should imagine that the Artillery were about a stone heavier all round than the R.A.F. and this played an important part in their final victory. The R.A.F. fought pluckily against odds, and some of their dashing raids almost deserved better results.

The 12th Battery were much the sounder all-round team, however, and well merited their success. Allen and Moore obtained the goals, while the Airmen netted from a penalty.

### VOLUNTEER SHOOT.

#### ANNUAL RIFLE MEETING DURING HOLIDAYS.

The annual rifle meeting of the Hongkong Volunteers took place at Stonecutters on Friday and Saturday. Conditions were good and some quite creditable scores were made. In the Blake Shield Competition the Engineer Company "A" team, despite the fact that their best shot was decidedly "off" at 500, put up a record score, beating last year's winners, No. 4 Platoon, by eight points. In the competition for the Franch Cup the Engineers again did well, winning by fifteen points from No. 2 Platoon "B" team, who are to be congratulated on their fine effort. Both teams beat last year's winning score. The Rifle Competition was rendered difficult by a glare which made the tiles practically invisible, and under the circumstances No. 7 Platoon "B" team did well to break eight out of nine tiles. The Attack Competition produced a larger field than usual and considerably more short-windedness. No. 7 Platoon "A" won by one point from last year's winners, the Engineer Company.

The scores in the Musketry Competition were not as good as in former years. Sapper Salter and L/Sgt. Rosario took first and second places. The Corps Championship was closely contested between L. Westlake and C.Q.M.S. Grenham. Grenham did well in the first three practices, but dropped points at the 500. Both he and Lt. Westlake beat the previous best score for the championship—113 by Captain Mitchell two years ago. L/Sgt. Britto put up a record score for the Tyro Competition. In the Open Revolver competition the shooting was not as good as last year, when five men obtained possible. P. Fletcher, who was second last year, tied with G.P.O. Clark with 29 and won the shoot-off. In the Corps Revolver competition L/Cpl. Lockhart was first with Pipe-Major Mackie second.

Detailed results follow:

Blake Shield (Twenty-two teams fired).—1, Engineer Company "A" (Cpl. Salter, L/Cpl. Lockhart, Spr. Salter, Spr. Smith), 291 marks; 2, No. 4 Platoon "A" (C.Q.M.S. Grenham, Cpl. Holmes, L/Cpl. Woodman, Pte. Wood), 293 marks; 3, No. 12 Platoon (C.S.M. Baptista, Sgt. Xavier, L/Sgt. Rosario, L/Cpl. Ribeiro), 289 marks.

Francis Cup (Twenty teams fired).—1, Engineer Company "A" (Cpl. Salter, L/Cpl. Lockhart, Spr. Smith, Spr. Salter), 251 marks; 2, No. 2 Platoon "B" (Pte. Groves, Pte. Braley, Pte. Eastman, Pte. Tolley), 236 marks; 3, No. 4 Platoon "A" (C.Q.M.S. Grenham, Cpl. Holmes, L/Cpl. Woodman, Pte. Wood), 232 marks.

Tile Competition (Eighteen teams fired).—1, No. 7 Platoon "B" (Sgt. Chapman, L/Cpl. Cranston, Pte.

### FREE VACCINATION.

#### AMBULANCE WORK FOR PAST WEEK.

The number of those vaccinated free of charge by members of St. John Ambulance Brigade for the week ending Thursday, March 24, is as follows:

Division	Totals
Chinese Y.M.C.A. (Hongkong)	6364
King's College (Old)	1637
King's College (Present)	10139
Railway	3157
Indian	1716
Kowloon	3945
Mongkok	29621
Shaukiwan	2760
St. Joseph's College	12723
Chinese Y.M.C.A. (Kowloon)	12498
Chinese Athletic Association	297
Motor Drivers	84996
Victoria Nursing	
Y. W. C. A. Nursing	
Shaukiwan Nursing	
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Forbes, Piper Nisbet; 2, No. 2 Platoon "A" (Lt. Richards, 2/Lt. Branson, C.S.M. Slattery, Sgt. Terry); 3, No. 10 Platoon "A" (2/Lt. Silva, Sgt. Sequeira, L/Cpl. Soares, Pte. Rocha).

Attack Competition (Fifteen teams competed).—1, No. 7 Platoon "A" (Capt. Forsyth, C. S. M. Parkinson, Sgt. Stapanil-Thomson, Piper Watson); 2, Engineer Company "A" (Cpl. Salter, L/Cpl. Lockhart, Spr. Salter, Spr. Smith); 3, No. 4 Platoon "A" (C.Q.M.S. Grenham, Cpl. Holmes, L/Cpl. Woodman, Pte. Wood).

Musketry Competition.  
Possible ... 20 20 20 20  
1, Spr. Salter (Engineers) ... 18 18 18 18  
2, L/Sgt. Rosario (No. 11) ... 18 18 18 18  
3, Spr. Johnson (Engineers) ... 18 18 18 18  
4, 2/Lt. Branson (No. 3) ... 18 18 18 18

Corps Championship.  
Possible ... 25 25 25 25 25  
1, Lt. Westlake (H. Q.) ... 20 20 20 20 20  
2, C.Q.M.S. Grenham (No. 4) ... 20 20 20 20 20  
3, C.Q.M.S. Cubill (No. 9) ... 20 20 20 20 20  
4, L/Cpl. Woodman (No. 4) ... 20 20 20 20 20  
5, C.S.M. Parkinson (No. 7) ... 20 20 20 20 20  
6, Spr. Salter (Engineers) ... 20 20 20 20 20  
7, L/Cpl. Lockhart (Engineers) ... 20 20 20 20 20  
8, Pipe Major Mackie (No. 6) ... 20 20 20 20 20

Tyro Competition.  
1, L/Sgt. Britto (No. 12) ... 15 15 15 15 15  
2, Open Revolver Competition—1, P. Fletcher (Police Reserves); 2, C. P. O. Clark (Range Staff).

Corps Revolver Competition.—1, L/Cpl. Lockhart (Engineers), 26 marks; 2, Pipe Major Mackie (No. 6), 25 marks.

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## DANUBIAN COMBINE.

## PROPOSED CONFERENCE OF THE BIG POWERS.

Paris, Mar. 26.  
That a Conference of Representatives of the Great Powers, including Britain, France, Italy and Germany meet, probably in Geneva, with a view to reaching a preliminary agreement with regard to the question of an Economic Pact between the Danubian States, is proposed by the British Government in a communication to the French Government with regard to the procedure to be followed for the conclusion of such a Pact. Direct negotiations with the Danubian States would follow the preliminary agreement.

M. Tardieu has already replied to the British communication, and well-informed circles opine that it is probable that a meeting between M. Tardieu, Sir John Simon, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Dr. Brüning and Signor Grandi will take place, presumably at Geneva, during the Disarmament Conference which is to resume on April 11.—*Reuter's Special Service.*

## Germany Willing to Co-Operate.

Berlin, Mar. 27.  
The Government has decided heartily to welcome the British Government's invitation to send a representative to an Anglo-French Italo-German conference in London on the Danubian question, but

## MALTA AGITATION.

## ITALIAN FOREIGN OFFICE STATEMENT.

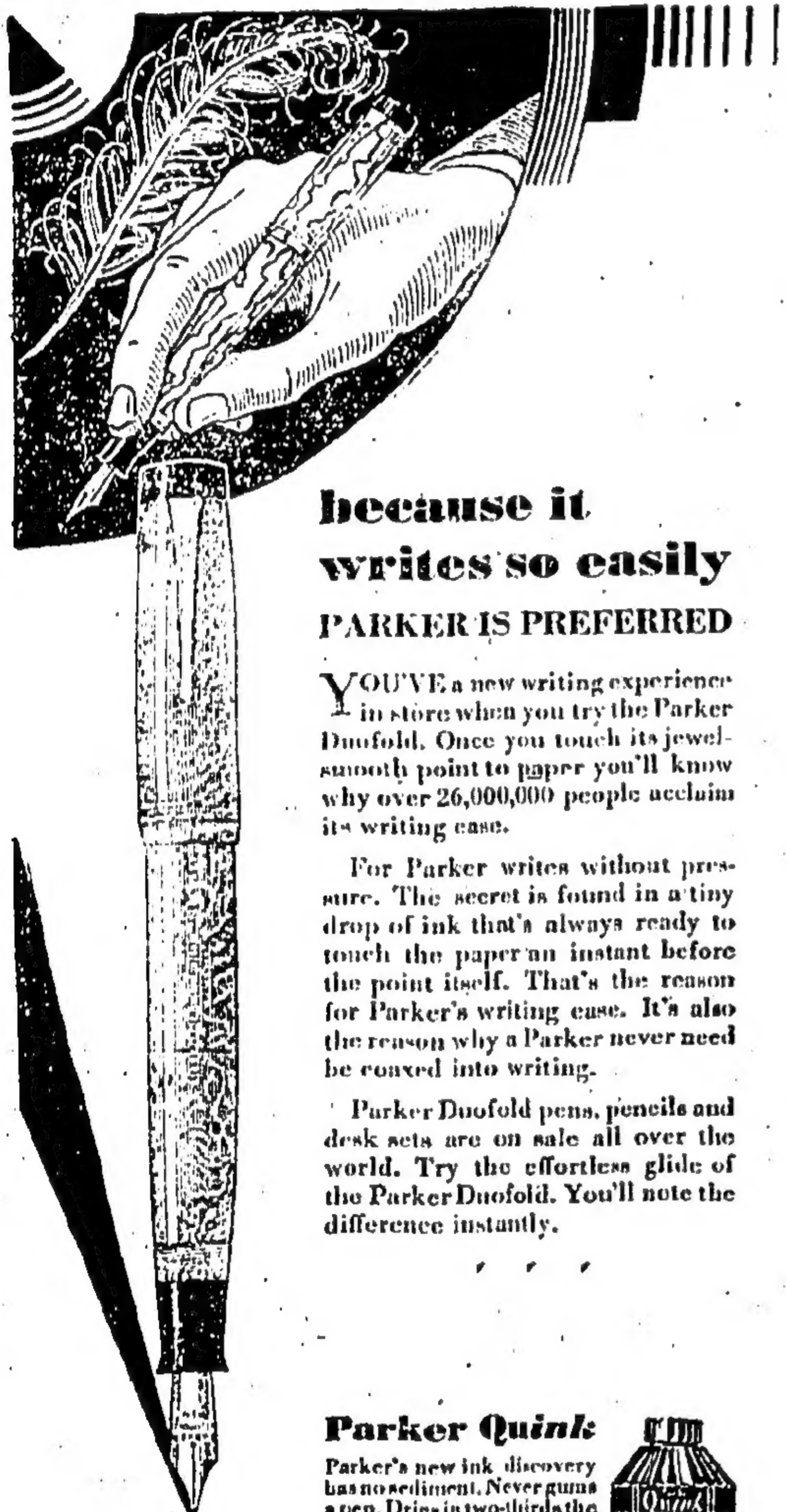
Rome, Mar. 26.  
The Foreign Office has issued a statement denying the "rumours attributing to Sig. Giunta's declaration a political character."—*Reuter.*

Malta, Mar. 27.  
Presumably as a sequel to the Giunta incident, the Italian Consul has left Malta unexpectedly. It is believed for Rome.

Replying to the Italian Foreign Office statement, the *Chronicle* alleges that Signor Giunta on arrival at Malta vehemently attacked the Italian Consul, who is secretary of the local Fascist organization, because they did not wear black shirts, when they boarded the steamer to receive him. The Consul tried to calm him, pointing out that the situation was delicate, but Giunta shouted, "You sheep! I want to hear no excuses. We must teach these English what Fascism is."

The Consul pointed out that they were on British territory and must be prudent, but Giunta angrily retorted, "Here we are in Italy, on the highway to the African empire, on the most Fascist highway Italy has."—*Reuter.*

will ask that the date be fixed after the German Presidential elections of April 10.—*Reuter.*



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## JUST FOUR TIMES AS SMART!



A spring foursome that is very new and chic is made up of matching suede hat, gauntlet gloves, belt and purse. For early spring wear with a corded wool coat in the new beige, a brimmed hat, overstitched gauntlet gloves, elongated flat purse and wide belt are made of soft green suede.

## A BEAUTY HINT.

Cold water, cleansing cream, and a skin tonic are the three essentials for giving your skin a good cleansing in the mornings.

First, give face and neck a swift wash with a cleansing cream, wiping it off neatly so that no smudges of cream show in the little depressions in the face such as those about the eyes and nostrils. After that splash the face freely with cold water cupped in the hands. Then cup the hands round the jawbone and slap each cheek upward fifteen or twenty times. Dry the face and apply the skin tonic.

This should be applied on a wad of cotton-wool and the skin patted briskly with the cushions of the fingers until it is absolutely dry. This will leave the whole skin stimulated and glowing.

A word of warning—never press down on the face when patting in a tonic, or when applying any skin preparation. Much damage is done when the cheeks are being constantly dragged down, while constant upward pressure braces the muscles and prevents the face from sagging.

## Very Graceful.



This frock in a National Silk Dye Exhibit uses a new version of the old black-white theme diagonally to achieve a graceful line, heightened by the wide-belted area and made even more charming by full sleeves.

## OUR FACES.

## Make-Up Colour for the New Mode.

Beauty experts have drawn out a chart giving details of the make-up colours for the new mode. This was done by testing various blends of rouge and powder on six girls of different types who were all "dressed" with lengths of material in each of the new colours.

One of these shades, banana beige, demands a certain amount of yellow in the make-up. But a point which puzzles many women is that an orange lipstick and paste rouge come out pink, with no hint of yellow, when they apply it to their selves. The reason is that they have a certain amount of acidity in their system, which turns the yellow pink. This can be counteracted, a little by dusting a yellowish rouge powder over a foundation of paste rouge, and using a banana powder.

Every shade of blue, from deepest sapphire and royal blue, through cornflower to sky blue, will be fashionable this spring. As every make-up, to be successful, should contain a hint of the colour worn nearest the face—unless that colour is already present in the natural shading of the complexion—blue frocks require lipstick and rouge of a bluish red. Eye shadow should be blue.

Reds are nearly as fashionable as blues. For make-up purposes they are divided into two classes—reds with a yellowish tinge, and rose-reds. All the former require a tinge of yellow in the make-up, with flame lipstick and bronze eye shadow, but the rose-red frock demands rich colouring to match.

The new pastel shades are more limpid and altogether clearer than they were a year or two ago. Water green, rose, corn, grey-green, and egg-shell blue, in pale shades, will be popular. For these the make-up is kept light, with an eye shadow to blend with the colour of the eyes.

**Lovely New Shade.**  
Orchid rose is being used in Paris for evening gowns. It is a lovely colour, rather like cyclamen, and most becoming to people who are inclined to be sallow. Brunettes

## TROPICAL HOSIERY.

## Colours Easily Visualised.

There is a tropical note about stockings for the spring, for the names of nearly every colour has its origin in the lands of the sun. You may choose between Arab and Algiers, benekskin, caravan, sandee, duskee, nomad, negrita, Brazil, or brunette. Or, not quite so new, there are prairie, mohawk, mulatto, or Roman.

They are so descriptive, these names, that you may visualise the colours without actually seeing them. And they cover so wide a range that there will be no difficulty in obeying the injunctions of the famous dress designers to pick up the colours of each suit or frock in the stockings.

"Sandee" and "duskee" are definite colours, but they also describe the two groups of shades which will be fashionable this spring. All sandy shades, also known as French tan, are for wear with light frocks, while the darker or dusky colours should tone with coats and suits.

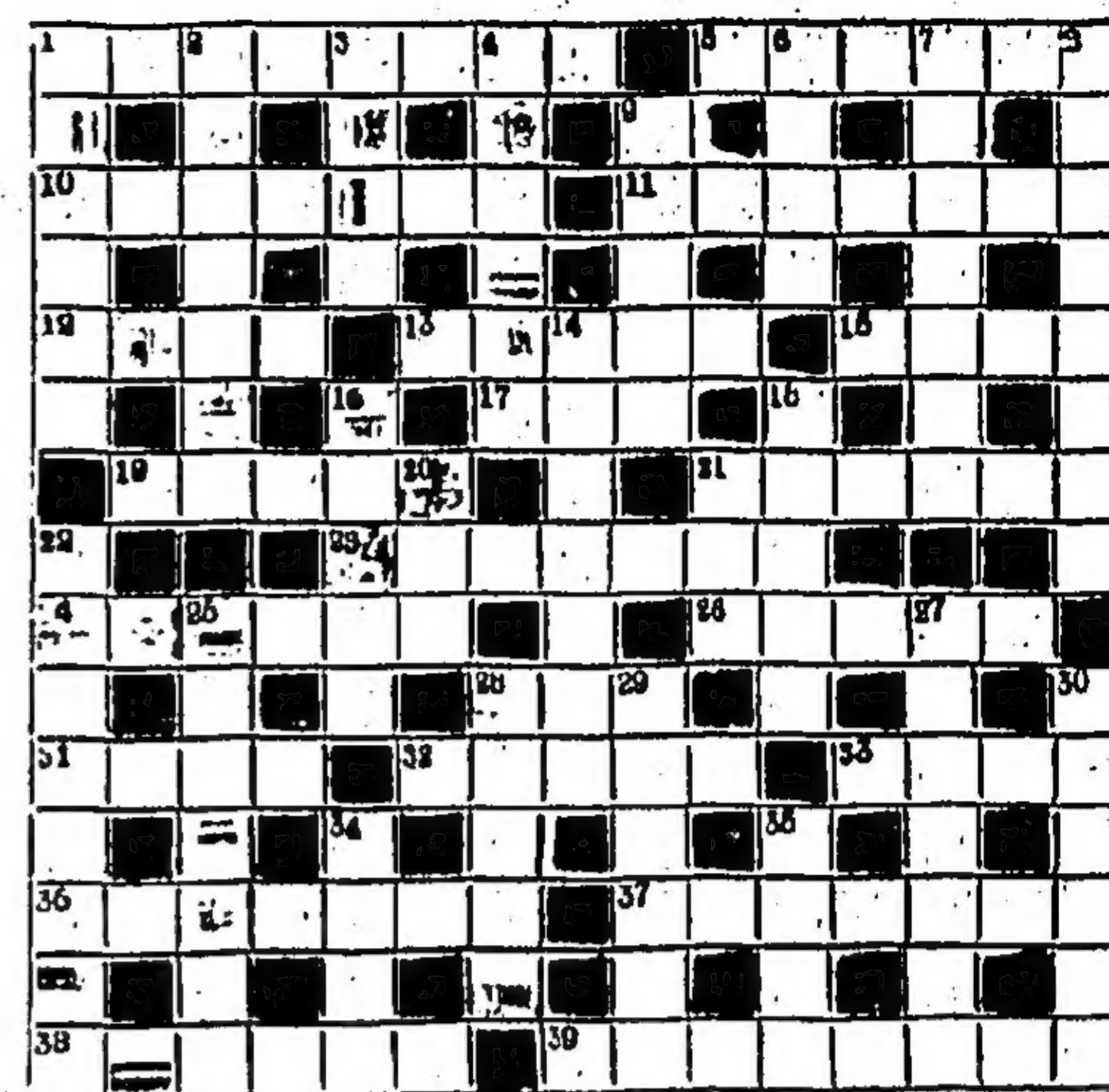
Where texture is concerned, there is as yet no rival to the popular fish-net stockings, which are still selling well, but in a more openwork weave.

Crope stockings in a fine gauge are being made by British manufacturers and are becoming increasingly popular. The main effect is obtained by a tight twist given to the thread before weaving.

wearing this colour should choose a dark, rich rouge—blondes can wear with it a bluish rose make-up. For both, clear blue eye shadow is best. Eye shadow should always be used to accentuate the colour of the eyes, but it must also harmonise with the colour of the frock. An effective trick is to apply eye shadow to harmonise with the frock over the lid, and then to take a very little of the colour of the eyes and apply just a spot over the pupil.

A hazel or green-eyed woman wearing blue would use bronze shadow with a spot of green in the centre of the eyelid.

## OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



## Across

- 1 "So I met 'em," once (anag.).
- 5 Head-dresses with which the carpenter is familiar.
- 10 Tool.
- 11 This may entertain you in a way in the Tower.
- 12 Here the team may be viewed in the way out.
- 13 A noble and honourable musketeer.
- 15 Called out for a Frenchman's gore.
- 17 The money is not sent.
- 19 Wearily, the camel, on the return journey, stops at intervals (hidden).
- 21 Anagram of 5.
- 23 As the insect doesn't leave the animal alone it becomes an object of terror.
- 24 Well trounced; doubtless because he had used his tongue so much.
- 26 Only three-quarters of a pair of braces, but enough to keep the dog under control.
- 28 Have a go for this, just once.
- 31 Don't quarrel! Put the weapons back and be comfortable.
- 32 Employers have tricks of their own.
- 33 A noble lady who is no ordinary clay, for she is made in another form.
- 36 I come (after a short Press announcement) with a position for the great ones of the earth.
- 37 This weapon provides material for AI games.
- 38 Anagram of 5.
- 39 "minds climb soonest" ("King Henry VI." Part 3).

## Down

- 1 Anagram of 5.
- 2 A more automaton.
- 3 Hardy character of the last century.
- 4 Anagram of 5.
- 6 What Shakespearean character says: "We cannot all be

- 7 A case in which, for success in life, one may put self first with an easy mind.
- 8 Reels that affect horses.
- 9 What, we hear, they do in Alabama?
- 14 The last part of the first is not more than a year, and cattle thrive on it.
- 16 Not unduly elated, though full of honour.
- 18 Sacked, having turned out ultimately to be a Communist.
- 20 Sounds a bit done up, this dull brown.
- 21 Distinctly bad.
- 22 Meet the wild talk with the old banner well aloft, for this is its openly wicked.
- 25 First study the business concern involved, and then ratify.
- 27 Make a corner in metal plate with a glittering object in view.
- 28 Is it sideways? I ask you.
- 29 Showy—or neat, maybe.
- 30 Anagram of 5.
- 34 Fly high, painful though it sounds.
- 35 River of the Western Front.

## Saturday's Solution.

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CRASH-PROOF PLANE.  
REMARKABLE INVENTION OF FRENCH AVIATOR.

Paris, Mar. 26.  
—Evading the attentions of the Police, who refused to allow him to demonstrate his invention, M. Albert Sauvant, a French Engineer who claims to have invented a crash-proof plane, gave a striking illustration of the possibilities of his machine yesterday, when he crashed 500 feet down a precipice and escaped unhurt.

The fuselage crashed down the mountain side and turned six somersaults, creating a deafening din, and landed with a terrible crash.

**Aviator Unhurt.**  
Onlookers gasped with amazement when they saw M. Sauvant emerge unscathed from the damaged fuselage. He afterwards demonstrated that the steel case, crash-proof section of the fuselage was undamaged.

M. Sauvant now wants to be allowed to crash from a height of 3,000 feet. He has already experimented with model aeroplanes and crashed one from a height of 650 feet with a live lamb, and another from 750 feet with a basket of eggs. The lamb was unhurt and the eggs unbroken.—*Reuter's Special Service.*

LESSON-SERMON.  
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, HONGKONG.

"Reality" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, yesterday. The Golden Text was, "Since the beginning of the world, man have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him." (Isaiah 64: 4).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible, "Finally, Brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." (Phil. 4: 8).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, "Life, Truth, and Love are the realities of divine Science. They dawn in faith and glow full-orbed in spiritual understanding. As a cloud hides the sun it cannot extinguish, so false belief silences for a while the voice of immutability, but false belief cannot destroy Science armed with faith, hope, and fruition. (P. 298).

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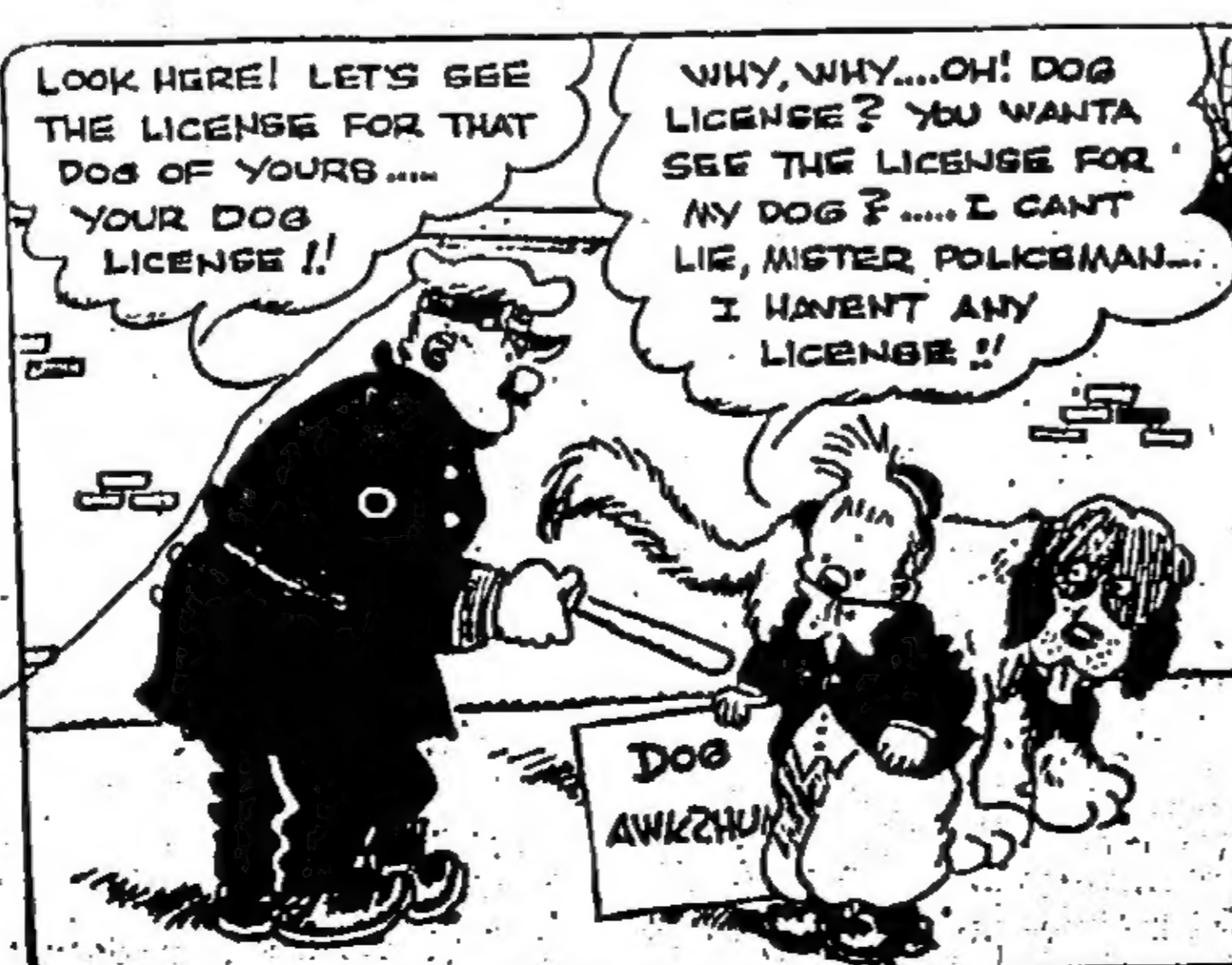
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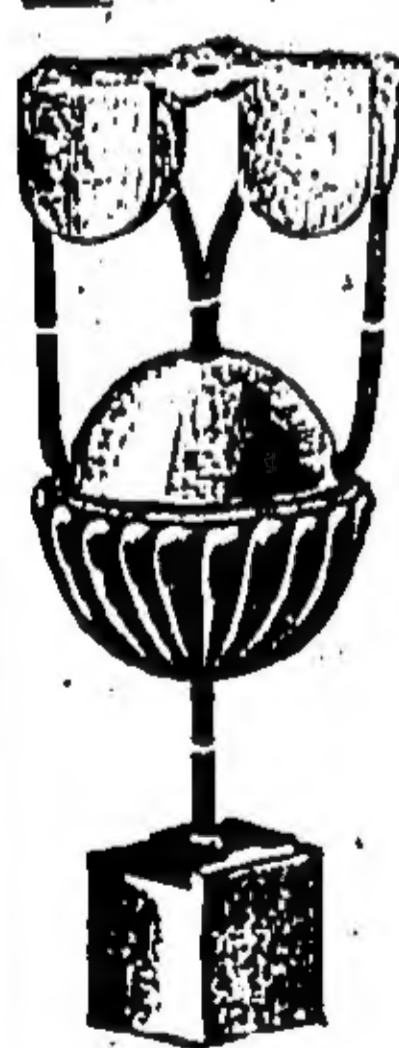
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## THE WILL TO PEACE.

"A great task but also a great opportunity" is the way in which H.M. the King recently described present efforts to achieve international disarmament. At a time when the whole world is struggling in face of enormous economic, political and financial difficulties, the opponents of the new world order, of which the League of Nations is both the symbol and the instrument, have mobilised their forces and come out into the open with their hostility. The League has been accused on account of its trifling expense, while the reluctance of the individual Governments to use its machinery to stop the conflict in the Far East has given the critics further ammunition to fire at Geneva. The British Empire, they have urged, should turn its back on Europe and work out its own salvation. No reasonable statesman, it is significant to note, has taken part in this campaign. Perhaps the King's words will make those who have listened to specious arguments think twice. "While every nation must work out its own restoration to prosperity," declares His Majesty; "this duty need not conflict with obligations towards fellow members of the community of nations." And again, "The well-being of the world and the well-being of our own country depend on the same causes and are inseparable."

At the moment, the Disarmament Conference delegates are enjoying a brief respite from their labours, but all the Great Powers have already laid their proposals on the table. Three of them, Great Britain, the United States and Italy, are in substantial agreement on several important points, including the abolition of submarines and heavy guns. Italy goes farther in wanting the abolition also of tanks, of battle-ships and battle cruisers, of naval aircraft carriers and of bombing aeroplanes. The U.S.A. would put restrictions on tanks, Great Britain and Japan favour a reduction in the size of capital ships. Japan also proposes the abolition of aerial bombardment. Great Britain stands alone in demanding what, of course, has not a ghost of a chance of being carried—the limitation of conscription. Everyone, France not excepted, proposes the abolition of gas and bacteriological warfare. It would seem to the plain man that something ought to emerge from all this, and we hope that something will. On paper,

at least there is a large measure of agreement, except for France and one or two of her satellites. If the French can be persuaded to put the horse before the cart (and if Japan can be restrained from upsetting both horse and cart), the Conference may yet confound the pessimists.

There can be no doubt that the League of Nations is passing through the most critical period in its history. A big failure at this stage would wash out all memory of its many and conspicuous successes during the past twelve years. Altogether it would be surprising if such a new experiment as the League were perfect. One essential feature of success, in any problem confronting the League, must be a willingness among the 55 countries forming the League to use its machinery for the benefit of the community of nations. Recently a recrudescence of selfish nationalism, at the same time the cause and the consequence of the world-wide depression, has led to the statesmen neglecting the principles on which the League is founded. In spite of temporary setbacks, however, it is certain that the League ideals are still the only hope of our modern civilisation from international anarchy and probable chaos. "Nothing is more essential," said the King on a former occasion, "than a strong and enduring League of Nations." Recent events show the need for further support on the part of public opinion, since the League has obviously not yet become firmly entrenched in the hearts and minds of men.

MR. BALDWIN AND  
CIDER.AN INVITATION TO  
LORD IRWIN.

"The veneration of the countryside, which is the parent of most of the things that are best in England and English life"—a phrase used by Lord Irwin—exemplified the spirit of the Worcestershire Association dinner in London.

Mr. Baldwin, who presided, had on other side of him Lord Irwin, who is a Yorkshireman, and Viscount Ednam, who is a well-known Worcester man. Mr. Justice McCordie, a Warwickshire man, sat between Lady Leigh, wife of Lord Leigh, the Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire, and Mrs. Baldwin.

There were ringing cheers when a waiter marched solemnly up to the top table carrying a gigantic pipe fashioned in ice. No one laughed more than Mr. Baldwin.

Mr. W. Lionel Moore, a Worcestershire farmer, proposed the toast of "Our President" and told one or two homely stories about Mr. Baldwin. One of them was:

"On a certain Christmas holiday when Mr. Baldwin was first Minister of the Crown, he was spending it at Astley, and he rose on Boxing Day morning with very good resolutions. He planned a walk from Astley to Malvern, a distance of some fifteen or twenty miles. He set off after breakfast with a very reluctant party, and after they had been going for an hour or two their feet faltered outside the doors of a well-known country hostelry. A hasty conference was held and the then Prime Minister of Great Britain led a wholly unanimous party into the 'Aye' lobby." (Laughter).

Mr. Moore, with the company still rocking with laughter, said that he was delighted to report on the improvement in the habits of Cabinet Ministers.

"Whereas," he said, "Pitt was typical of the two-bottle age, the great statesman we have in the Chair to-night represents typically the one-bottle period." (Laughter).

Mrs. Baldwin's Comment.

Mr. Baldwin, in reply, said that he would never be satisfied until he had brought Lord Irwin to Worcestershire and they had drunk a quart of cider with Mr. Lionel Moore.

"Pitt," interpolated Mrs. Baldwin, (Laughter).

"Quart," replied Mr. Baldwin, turning round to his wife. "I know the difference between the two." (Renewed laughter).

"I once asked a farmer in Worcestershire what he wanted for his horse," proceeded Mr. Baldwin. "He said, 'Protection, and I want the foreign hops kept out.'"

Mr. Baldwin added: "I said to him, 'What do you mean by foreign?' He said, 'Hereford.'"

(Laughter).

Mr. Baldwin told a story of a Worcestershire farmer friend of his who, when finding some Post Office men putting up telegraph poles in his field, was given a set of printed instructions by them. The old farmer turned a bull into the field, and as the Post Office men

## DAY BY DAY

POLITICAL REPUTATIONS ARE MADE BY SAYING WHAT YOU THINK, AND THEY ARE KEPT BY SAYING WHAT YOU DON'T THINK.—John Oliver Hobbes.

The Empress of Canada is due here from Yokohama on April 1st 9 a.m.

Lieut. Commr. G. N. Rawlings has been appointed to Marazion and to Bruce on transfer.

The many friends of Mrs. Harry Woods will be pleased to hear that she is recovering rapidly from an operation performed on her head at the Victoria Hospital.

Inspector F.E.E. Booker of the Hongkong Police Force returned to the Colony yesterday from Wellesley where he enlisted a batch of Shantung recruits for the Force.

Suffering from a wound to her head caused by a piece of wood falling from the first floor of a new house in Great George Street, Chai Sin (62) of 18, Russell Street was removed to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday.

A brick maker of the Wing Chong building contractor's mated, of Fa Yuen Street, was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday suffering from injuries to his right hand caused whilst working on a brick machine.

The report that the police have effected an arrest in the Happy Valley murder case turns out to be incorrect. Several people have been questioned in connexion with the charge, but so far none has been detained.

Amongst the passengers who left by the P. and O. s.s. Rajputana were Mr. and Mrs. C. Atkinson, Mr. T.F. Claxton, Mr. A.H. Compton, Mr. and Mrs. R.G. Groundwater, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hedley, Rev. Bro. James, Mrs. E. J.R. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Morris, Mrs. F. Maitland, Major D.H. Somerville, and Mrs. Whyte-Smith.

Our Wuchow correspondent states that the paper money issued by the Kwangsi Provincial Government several months ago is greatly in evidence in the business houses and the banking establishments of Wuchow. In fact, it is preferred by the merchants because the exchange rate of the paper currency is higher than the rate of river specie.

With reference to a report that the management of the Canton-Kowloon Railway proposes to speed up the present through express trains on the line, it is understood, says the Canton Gazette, that Mr. Chan Kwan-yok, managing director of the Railway, has called a meeting of the engineering staff to discuss definite measures for the realization of the project. A saving of 20 minutes is found to be possible in the running time, and if no unforeseen obstacles arise, it will be possible to run a train between Canton and Kowloon in 2 hours and 58 minutes beginning with the 1st of May next.

rushed out he said to them, "Have you shown the bull your instructions?"

"The surface of the country may change," Mr. Baldwin said, "the bungalows may come along and the new roads and the charabancs may pour their contents into the remotest parts of our region but the soul of the countryside will live yet. If it perishes there will perish with it nine-tenths of what has made this country great."



...and listen, the wife says you must come along to dinner.

## INFLUENCE IN BUSINESS!

## Geniuses, Bluffers, Pushers, and Plodders.

"YOUNG Man," writing the other day, voiced a point of view which has been stale since the Assyrian Empire. "Influence," "Favouritism," "Nepotism" have been the cries of the less fortunate since the first civilisation. And of course, superficially, their case is unanswerable.

The world is a very unfair place, where virtue is usually unwarded and birth, "bounce," and money monopolise the prizes. From the individual's point of view, then, "Young Man" is undoubtedly right. It is when he assumes that such a state of affairs is necessarily inefficient that he is on shaky ground.

His statement is founded on two fallacies; the first that good subordinates make good commanders, the second that superiors can distinguish between real virtue and "push," "bounce," and flattery among their inferiors. They are all convinced they can distinguish, but we have only to look on the successful self-made men, whether of commerce or politics, to see that they are very far from being an ideal type, however selected.

Of men at the head of affairs in all walks of life, politics, business, the services, and the professions, some are there through "bounce" and some through influence. Would anyone seriously contend that the former are of more value to their country than the latter?

## Selection in the Services

In the fighting services the principles of selection by merit are more nearly adhered to than in civilian life, but would anyone suggest that there is anything like the brilliance and personality in the senior ranks as when Nelson, Wellington, or Marlborough led?

The late war, with its endless slaughter and futile waste, was the crowning condemnation of a system of promotion by merit. Its commanders were all good subordinates. Genius, real leadership is killed by such a system.

Under present conditions it is most unlikely that the man who is going to make a great success at the top will ever be picked out for conspicuous ability at the bottom. Only the grossest favouritism could have brought Nelson, an eccentric disobedient wacko, to high command; the corrupt, pleasure-loving Marlborough would have been cashiered as a subaltern.

As Britain rose irresistibly to be the greatest Power in the world, her military and political leaders reached their positions by birth. Her commerce was built by some succeeding fathers, trained from the beginning to the leadership. If Britain no longer lead the world, if, as "Young Man" suggests, we are losing our grip, it may well be that our business and our politics are in the hands of pushful bluffers on the one hand and uninspired plodders on the other.

The very qualities which make great leaders are a handicap to subordinates. Imagination, enterprise, unorthodoxy, of what use are these to a clerk compared with humdrum honesty and competency?

How many employers are going to choose an argumentative, arrogant idler for promotion? Yet the potential leader is ten to one impatient and bored with the dull routines of the underling.

We are Not Bad  
Linguists!

By Alexander Berry.

BUT the English can be good linguists—if they like. The Czech doctor sat in his rather too modern consulting-room (steel furniture as a protest against the barbarism without) in that remote finger of Czechoslovakia, pinched between Poland, Rumania, and Hungary.

I had apologised for my poor German and my non-existent Czech, Ruthenian, Polish, Rumanian, Hungarian, and Yiddish. These languages are familiar to the doctor, the grocer across the road, the Jewish innkeeper next door, and a great many other people in Mukacevo.

The doctor smiled politely; "but the English can be good linguists—if they like. There are a few languages in India, are there not? I have heard that there are Englishmen who can speak some of them."

He spoke without irony, and with the placid seriousness of his race. I felt that I had been mildly reproved. It was excuse, you know.

"Stopped off at Lisbon on the way home. First time I've ever been abroad, so to speak. I mean I don't call Nigeria abroad. Felt a bit out of it, not being able to speak the language. Never was much good at foreign tongues. Usual school French, of course, but—"

I looked at him with a new interest. He was rather a lumpy schoolboy as I remembered him last; pleasantly frank, but with no noticeable mental glow. Now, a very Assistant Commissioner, after three years in the neighbourhood of Lake Chad he had filled out physically and mentally. The sign "administrator" was just beginning to be discernible upon his brow.

"Then what," I asked, "do you speak in Nigeria?"

"Hausa, but that's different. Amusing language to learn; wonderful range of expression you can get out of it. Vocabulary of about ten thousand. Some words rather like Welsh."

"Yes, I remembered a snatch or two from a Snowdon holiday, and it struck me that a few of the Hausa words had a familiar ring. Had a Welsh grammar sent out and started comparing, but for fun. I'm learning one of the Santa dialects, too. Don't have to, of course, but you never know."

"Never was much good at foreign tongues—No, perhaps (Continued on Page 1.)"

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## CRICKET LEAGUE.

### CRAIGENOWER WIN AGAINST R.A.S.C.

Now that the championship in the First Division of the Cricket League has been decided, the second game is centered in the Second Division, where the Indians and the Kowloon C.C. are in close rivalry. Next Saturday will see a decision reached in this game, and then the season will be virtually at an end. The concluding matches will be the Champions against the Rest of the League, which two games are scheduled to be played on April 9.

On Saturday, there was only one League match played, the home team, Craigengower C.C. defeating the Royal Army Service Corps. The two-day fixture between the Kowloon Seniors and the Hongkong Club was begun, and at the close of play, the Club were in decidedly the better position. The Kowloon Juniors entertained the Club Seconds and won comfortably.

Playing at Happy Valley, the Craigengower Seconds batted out for 55 runs, the only batsman to face the bowling of Way (6 for 30) with any confidence, and remaining unbeaten with 32 runs. The home team ran up a total of 116 runs. Hurry getting 45 and Broadbridge 28 runs. Whitley followed up his good hitting by taking five wickets for 29 runs. Scores:

#### R.A.S.C.

Pamplin, b. Sourbuts	0
Gray, c. Souza, b. Way	4
Kew, run out	1
Whitley, not out	32
Reynolds, b. Way	0
Barlow, b. Way	0
Lazenby, b. Way	0
Pamplin, c. b. Way	0
Buckland, run out	0
Castelow, c. McBride, b. Lee	0
Extras (B1)	1

Total ..... 55  
Falls of Wickets: 1 for 4, 2 for 13, 3 for 16, 4 for 23, 5 for 23, 6 for 25, 7 for 43, 8 for 54, 9 for 55.

Bowling Analysis.

Way	O.	M.	R.	W.
	7	0	39	5
Sourbuts	5	1	15	1
Lee	2	2	0	1

#### C.C.C.

W. Reed, c. Buckland, b. Whitley	10
E. Souza, c. Sub. (Hunt), b. Gray	13
J. W. Leonard, c. Funnell	0
Whitley	0
R. Lee, c. b. Whitley	0
R. Sourbuts, c. Castelow, b. Gray	13
W. K. Way, c. Buckland, b. Gray	1
A. A. Lewis, b. Whitley	40
E. C. G. Barry, b. Pamplin	28
F. Broadbridge, b. Lazenby	1
J. Hunt, c. Buckland, b. Whitley	1
W. R. McBride, not out	4
Extras (B1)	4

Total ..... 110  
Falls of Wickets: 1 for 23, 2 for 33, 3 for 35, 4 for 35, 5 for 35, 6 for 35, 7 for 35, 8 for 40, 9 for 96, 10 for 116.

Bowling Analysis.

Whitley	O.	M.	R.	W.
	11	3	29	5
Gray	10	0	41	3
Barlow	2	0	18	0
Hazenby	5	1	13	1
Reynolds	2	0	5	1
Pamplin	1	0	6	1

## FRIENDLY MATCHES.

### Hongkong Club In Strong Position.

The Hongkong Cricket Club put up the total of 277 runs against the Kowloon attack in their two-day fixture which began on Saturday in the Kowloon ground. Sayer and Mitchell both took full toll of the bowling, the former getting 89 runs and the latter 52 runs. The scoring was very consistent.

Kowloon, at the close of play, had six wickets down for 130 runs. E. F. Finch was run out when he had collected 44 runs, and Mackay got 26. Beck was responsible for the damage, taking 4 wickets for 27 runs. Scores:

Hongkong C.C.	1
E. R. Duckitt, b. Burnett	1
J. E. Richardson, b. Burnett	35
I. T. Ride, b. Madar	10
G. R. Sayer, b. Lyl	10
G. C. Hamilton, c. b. Madar	10
H. Griffiths, b. b. Lyl	10
H. Owen Hughes, c. Madar, b. Goodwin	17
E. J. R. Mitchell, not out	52
A. C. Beck, b. Goodwin	15
R. Reid, c. Hunter, b. Lyl	22
D. McLellan, c. Hunter, b. Lyl	11
Extras (B11 NB2)	13

Total ..... 277  
Falls of the wickets: 1 for 5, 2 for 37, 3 for 70, 4 for 84, 5 for 87, 6 for 124, 7 for 172, 8 for 221, 9 for 254.

Bowling Analysis.

Burnett	O.	M.	R.	W.
	22	4	74	2
Lyl	20	5	85	4
Madar	8	0	35	2
Goodwin	13	1	62	2
Smith	4	0	17	0

"bowed two no balls."

Kowloon C.C.	15
E. C. Finch, l.b.w., b. Beck	15
N. A. E. Mackay, c. Owen Hughes, b. McLellan	20
E. F. Finch, run out	18
P. Madar, c. Reid, b. Beck	18
F. W. Smith, c. Richardson, b. Beck	0
J. C. Lyl, not out	12
F. Goodwin, c. b. Beck	0
G. C. Burnett, not out	18
Extras (B16 LB3)	18

Total (for 6 wickets) ..... 180  
J. Hunter, G. A. White and A. Howe to bat.

Falls of the wickets: 1 for 23, 2 for 57, 3 for 102, 4 for 102, 5 for 120, 6 for 120.

Bowling Analysis.

Beck	O.	M.	R.	W.
	15	3	27	4
Owen Hughes	5	0	19	0

## HOME FOOTBALL.

### TWO MEN CARRIED OFF FIELD.

London, Mar. 28.

Alex. James, the inside left of the Arsenal, R. Dix, (of Bristol Rovers) and S. Cowan, the centre half of Manchester City, were all carried off the field on Saturday when they received severe injuries during the League matches which were played in England during the Easter programme.

James was playing inside left for the Arsenal against West Ham at Upton Park and, during the game, received a kick on his knee which paralyzed a nerve. He collapsed on the field and was carried off in an unconscious condition. The injury, fortunately, is not of a serious nature but James will not be able to play for a short while. The match was left drawn, each side scoring once.

During the match at Cleethorpes between Grimsby Town and Manchester City, S. Cowan who was playing in the pivotal position for the visiting side, was injured and had to be carried off the field.

R. Dix, of Bristol Rovers, received a nasty injury to his head in the match against Luton at Rovers' Ground in the Southern Section of the Third Division, the hosts winning by three goals to one. Dix collided with the goalkeeper and was carried off the field unconscious.

Wetters maintained their lead at the top of the Second Division and are now one point ahead of Leeds. In the match between Sheffield United and Bolton at Burnden Park, J. Milburn of Bolton performed the "hat-trick," the hosts winning by three goals to one.—Our Own Correspondent.

## FIRST DIVISION.

Aston Villa	2	West Brom.	0
Bolton	3	Sheffield U.	1
Chelsea	0	Everton	0
Grimsby	2	Manchester C.	1
Huddersfield	1	Portsmouth	1
Leicester	3	Birmingham	1
Liverpool	1	Sunderland	2
Widleybrough	0	Blackburn	0
Newcastle	3	Derby	3
Wednesday	3	Blackpool	0
West Ham	1	Arsenal	1

## SECOND DIVISION.

Bradford	2	Bristol C.	1
Burnley	1	Bradford C.	1
Charlton	2	Notts County	0
Chesterfield	1	Millwall	0
Oldham	5	Oldham	0
Manchester U.	2	Port Vale	0
Notts Forest	0	Leeds	0
Preston N. E.	0	Southampton	3
Southampton	3	Swansea	0
Stoke	2	Barnsley	0
Tottenham	0	Bury	0
Wolves	2	Plymouth	0

## THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH).

Bournemouth	1	Northampton	1
Brighton	4	Thames	1
Bristol I.	1	Luton	1
Bristol O.	5	Coventry	1
Crystal Pal.	1	Reading	2
Manfield	1	Fulham	1
Norwich	1	Brentford	0
Queen's P. R.	2	Cardiff	0
Swindon	2	Exeter	3
Torquay	1	Gillingham	1
Watford	1	Southend	1

## THIRD DIVISION (NORTH).

Accrington	4	Hull	0
Crewe	3	Gateshead	0
Doncaster	3	Hull	0
Huddersfield	0	Barrow	1
Sheff. Wed.	1	Lincoln	1
Stockport	1	Doncaster	0
Tranmere	5	Hartlepool	0
Wrexham	3	Walsall	1
York	3	Chester	1

## SCOTTISH CUP (SEMI-FINALS).

Hamilton	2	Rangers	5
Airdrie	2	Kilmarnock	3

## SCOTTISH LEAGUE (FIRST DIVISION).

Falkirk	9	Leith	1
Hart	1	Ayr	0
Morton	6	Queen's Park	0
Northwell	4	Dundee	2
Thistle Lanark	4	St. Mirren	0

## TENNIS IN CANTON.

### VICTORY FOR S. A. RUMJAHN AGAINST LEUNG.

An interesting and exciting tennis match took place on Friday afternoon at the Canton Citizen Club between the tennis star Leung Tak-kyong and S. A. Rumjahn, a leading Hongkong tennis player.

It was a perfectly even match, but Rumjahn who was steady throughout the game finally won by three sets to one. The first set was won by Leung at 6-2, the remaining sets going to Rumjahn at 6-7, 1-0, 4-0. The second set should have been won by Leung who had commanding advantage of 5-1, but lost the set, through his inexperience.—Canton Gazette.

Rold	8	1	15	0
Hamilton	6	1	18	0
McLellan	3	0	28	1
Duckitt	4	2	18	0

## Kowloon Seconds Win.

On the Hongkong Club ground, the home side were defeated by the Kowloon Juniors by 96 runs. The Kowloon side, by consistent scoring, totaled 179 runs. F. E. Skinner was defeated with 40 runs; A. R. F. Raven collected 40 runs and A. F. Dand 27 runs. The Club seconds failed badly, and were all dismissed for 85 runs. Skinner took 3 wickets for 11 runs. G. Lee 3 for 10 runs.

## I.R.C. Inter-Club Match.

At Soekpoo, a team captained by Mr. A. A. Rumjahn defeated Mr. M. Abbas eleven by 20 runs. Mr. Rumjahn's side totaled 55 runs, for 5 wickets. Mr. Abbas' side totaled 180 runs, A. K. Khan scoring 55 runs, and H. D. Rumjahn 28.



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## THREE KINDS OF LOVE.

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of responsibility and a capacity for sacrifice that Mrs. Hill feared even Ermintrude might be unable to match.

Uncle Chaney suggested, "Maybe the little girls would relish a slice of the cake." (He wanted to see if it cut, the fox, and hear the exclamations over the white velvet of its texture.) "Essie said the oven was acting up a little, but I shouldn't wonder if it would be fit to eat, anyway."

Mrs. Hill hesitated only a second before she said bravely (after all, it was Uncle Chaney's cake, though she had intended to have shortcake to-night and save the angel food for the morrow, when she might ask the Mercers in), "Bring me the cake knife, please, honey."

"No, you won't," said Mrs. Hill. Cookies in hand Ermintrude joined Mary-Frances on the front porch. She said, "You do love him, don't you, Mary-Frances? I mean, you do really love him deeply and truly and everything," and took another large bite, and crumbs fell where they listed.

"Um," said Mary-Frances, and looked away; perhaps into the luscious, oval-ovated-floated future—perhaps into a pantry or an ice box.

The cookies crunched and crunched.

"Love," said Mary-Frances furiously, "is well it's just a perfectly thrilling, awful thing. It's—well, just perfectly awful, I mean."

"Um," said Ermintrude, and licked her fingers.

(To be Continued.)

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### AUSTRALIAN IN COURT.

#### CHARGED WITH ARMS POSSESSION.

Described as a native of Binda village, New South Wales, Australia, J. A. Pagett, aged 31, unemployed, appeared before Mr. Wynne Jones at the Central Police Court this morning on a charge of being in possession of an automatic pistol and seven rounds of ammunition in Johnston Road, Wanchai, yesterday.

Detective Sergeant Kennedy, who prosecuted, applied for 24 hours remand and asked that bail be made rather substantial. He suggested \$2,500.

The defendant said he was a stranger to the Colony, having no friends whatever in Hongkong, and it was impossible for him to find bail. He had been working in Manila and had come to Hongkong with only \$24 in his possession. He thought he would do the best he could for himself and tried to sell the revolver in order to raise money as he desired to go to Canton. He did not know the laws of Hongkong and was unaware that he was violating them in trying to sell the weapon.

His Worship remarked that in that case it was of no use offering the defendant bail, but he would have to fix the sum at \$2,500 as applied for by the police.

The defendant was accordingly remanded until to-morrow.

### MR. DRINAN'S SIGNATURES.

#### TEN ALLEGED FORGERIES.

The extradition warrant issued by the British Government against Mr. Charles James Beale, the former British Vice-Consul at Nice, was brought before the court of appeal at Aix.

The warrant was issued in connection with charges under the British Forgery Act. Mr. Beale, it is alleged, made fraudulent use of official documents and stamps in connection with the supposed transfer of stock from the late Mr. Drinan, a rich reclusive, to the late Mr. J. Haiat.

M. Kahn, the Public Prosecutor, read a statement by Mr. Gerald F. Gurrin, a handwriting expert, of Holborn Viaduct, London, in which Mr. Gurrin declared that he had examined eleven documents purporting to bear Mr. Drinan's signature. In his opinion, all save one of the signatures were false.

Miss Dora Drinan, daughter of the late Mr. Drinan, declares that the signatures are authentic.

Mr. Beale's counsel emphasised his excellent reputation, and while admitting that he had possibly committed a professional error, argued that there was not sufficient evidence to justify extradition.

### TO-DAY'S RACING PROSPECTS.

#### GOOD SPORT LIKELY AT VALLEY.

(By "Ringtail").

There should be a large crowd at the Valley this afternoon when the Eastern Meeting concludes. Excellent sport is likely, with the course still very fast. My selections are as follows:

#### 1st Race.

Hatman.

Sitting Bull.

Coronation Eve.

#### 2nd Race.

Canny.

But After That.

Choy Pak.

#### 3rd Race.

Gold Key.

The Tiger.

Imperial Hall.

#### 4th Race.

Mistletoe.

Jupiter.

Pocahontas.

#### 5th Race.

Until Then.

Chiu Quun.

The Rainstorm.

#### 6th Race.

Glencoe.

King's Bounty.

Boxing Eve.

#### 7th Race.

Philanderer.

Ghost Train.

Fighting Blood.

#### 8th Race.

Woodland Stag.

Polar Star.

Season Ticket.

#### 9th Race.

King's Justice.

Princess Justice.

Dee.

#### 10th Race.

Deveron.

Powhattan.

Navy Hall.

#### 11th Race.

Don.

Indiana.

Chivalrous.

Fire completely destroyed a timber yard in Austin Road, near Canton Road, on Saturday morning. The alarm was received just before noon and it was not until about two hours later that the Kowloon Brigade was able to return to the Station after successfully extinguishing the flames.

As a result of being struck by a piece of rock during blasting operations at the Government Quarry at Tai Kok Tsui yesterday afternoon, a stone breaker, Chan Cheung, aged 25, of Kip Shek Mei, was removed to the Kowloon Hospital, where he died at 6.50 this morning.

A distinctly brighter film than "Half Shot at Sunrise," the new Wheeler-Woolsey production at the Queen's kept audiences in rows of laughter during yesterday's performances. The inimitable pair are engaged in a tussle with rival gangsters and emerge, of course, with flying colours, after many amusing adventures.

### 1,185 HYMNS TO GO.

#### SECRET DECISION OF METHODISTS.

The greatest secrecy is being observed respecting the 1,000 hymns chosen for the new Methodist Hymn Book, which will be submitted for approval by the next meetings of the three Methodist Conference.

It is known, however, that the Hymn Book Committee which had to consider the claims for over 2,000 different hymns in the four present Methodist Hymnals rejected the remainder and accepted finally about two-thirds.

Every member of the committee is bound in honour to maintain secrecy concerning the old-fashioned hymns which have been excluded and the modern ones that take their place.

Some of the less popular of Charles Wesley's many hymns have been omitted.

A member of the Hymn Book Committee states:

"Many Methodists are afraid that the old Methodist hymns will be displaced and that a new theological balance is to be introduced. Methodists are peculiarly sensitive on these points. The Committee sought to retain as many favourites of former days as possible and not to disturb the old Methodist standards, while introducing the Hymn Book with the hymns in use by other churches."

The Committee has examined over 50 hymn books in use by other churches, and chosen from them about 150 hymns.

As far as possible the new Hymn Book will be limited to 1,000 hymns.

The final draft will be completed after Easter.

### COLLEGE BARGE FIRE.

#### DISASTER ON EVE OF OXFORD TORPIDS.

On the eve of the Torpids, University College had the misfortune to have its barge put out of action by a fire. The interior of the barge was almost destroyed and a great deal of the contents, such as oars, boats, and rowing clothes, was damaged, some beyond repair. The bow of the Oxford boat which beat Cambridge in 1901 was injured.

Owing to the fact that all the windows were closed the fire was confined to the interior and was unable, therefore, to spread to other College barges moored in the immediate vicinity. The Oxford Volunteer Fire Brigade was prompt to arrive and pumped in so much water that the barge's stern sank. Operations to raise the stern were begun at once.

The extent of the damage is estimated at £500. The cost of the barge, when it was built in 1878, was £2,000. So far the cause of the outbreak is not known.

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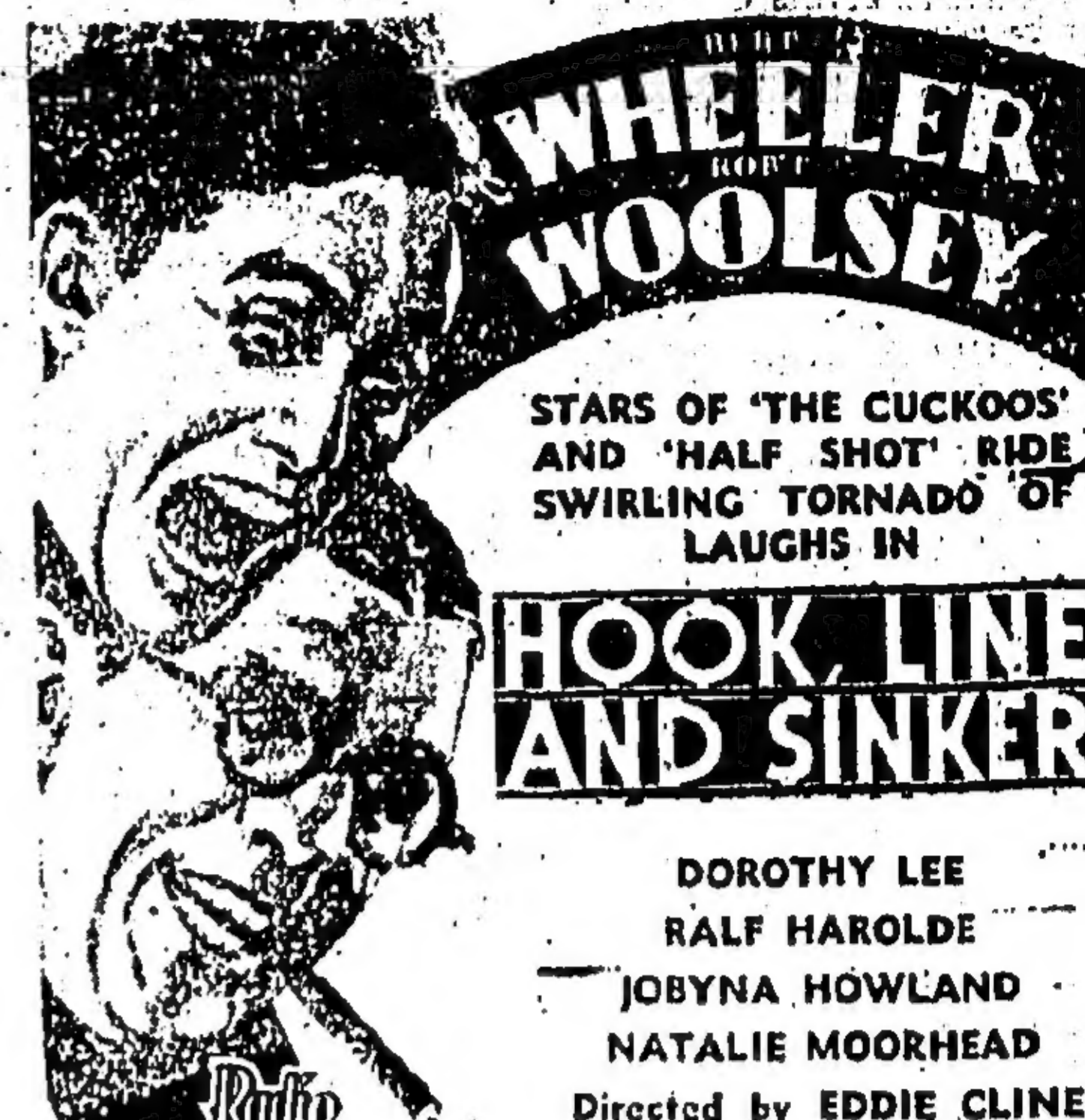
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London, Mar. 27.

Four hundred acres of beautiful forest land were destroyed to-day when a fire broke out in Ashdown Forest, Sussex, a popular haunt of holiday-makers.

The spot, where hundreds of picnics on Good Friday in the sunshine, is now a scene of blackened desolation.

The forest dwellers were aroused by a red glare, and on getting up saw a wall of flames fifty feet high sweeping through the forest. Due to the long spell of dryness the undergrowth caught readily, and defied all efforts to check the spread of the flames, which destroyed many ancient trees. Lord Cecil's home at Chelwood, 1½ miles from the spot, was saved by the fire being kept under control by the forest rangers.

It is believed that the fire was caused by a cigarette.